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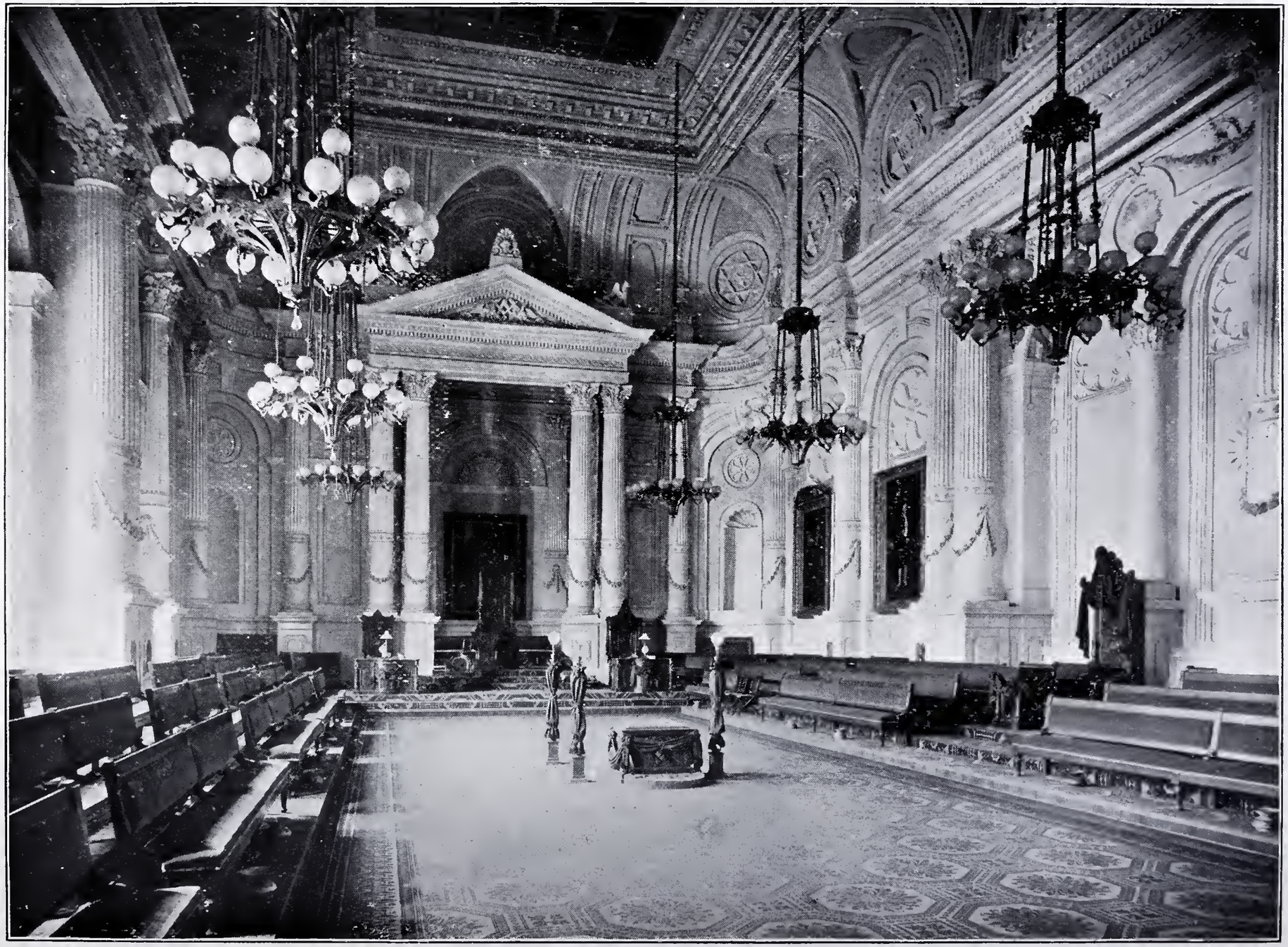

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PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND

HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND

MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1901,
BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH YEAR.

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THE GRAND

HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1795–1901.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

MARCH 7, A. D. 1901, A. I. 2431.

PRESENT:

Comp.	EDWARD B. SPENCER, .	. *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	J. HENRY WILLIAMS, .	. *M. E. Grand Scribe, acting M. E. Grand King.*
"	JAMES S. BARBER, .	. *M. E. Past Grand High Priest, acting M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS R. PATTON, .	. *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	CHARLES CARY, . .	. *M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	REV. HORACE F. FULLER,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
"	REV. THOMPSON P. EGE,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
"	THOS. MCCONNELL, JR.,	*as Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	CARL A. SUNDSTROM, .	. *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	FRANKLIN P. MASON, .	. *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	ADAM H. SCHMEHL, .	. *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	BENJAMIN EISEMAN, .	. *Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
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District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions JOHN B. SPRENKEL, FRED. M. SMITH, JOHN H. SHOPP, JOSEPH C. EGBERT, ALBERT R. HOOVER, DANIEL Z. WALKER, HENRY L. MOORE, WILLIAM F. SHAY, MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, JOHN C. WALLACE, JOHN W. FARNSWORTH, ELLIS H. DOAN, EDWARD R. W. SEARLE, THOMAS ROSE, REUBEN A. ZIMMERMAN.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions GEORGE E. WAGNER, HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., JAMES S. BARBER, ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, EDGAR A. TENNIS, EZRA S. BARTLETT, RICHARD M. JOHNSON.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. EDWARD J. JAMES, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" WILLIAM J. KELLY, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, of Grand Chapter of California.
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" J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
" WILLIAM L. GORGAS, of Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" ROBERT J. LINDEN, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" EZRA S. BARTLETT, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
" CHARLES CARY, of Grand Chapter of New York.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" JOSEPH M. WIATT, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" WILLIAM A. SINN, of Grand Chapter of Texas.
" LOUIS WAGNER, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" CONRAD B. DAY, of Grand Chapter of Virginia.
" JOHN KELLER, of Grand Chapter of Washington.

Chapters No. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 169, 170, 173, 175, 180, 182, 183, 185, 190, 198, 199, 201, 202, 203, 208, 209, 210, 220, 222, 223, 224, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 239, 240, 243, 245, 246, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 266, 267, 270. (47 Chapters.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock, P.M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 6, 1900, and of the Annual Grand Communication held on Thursday, December 27, 1900, were separately read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws from Chapters No. 215 and 283, and of proposed Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters No. 190, 200, 256, 268 and 278 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The following Communication was received and read:

LLANERCH, February 14, 1901.

Charles Cary, Esq., M. E. Grand Secretary of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania,
Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

MY DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:—At a regular Stated Meeting of Fernwood R. A. Chapter, No. 256, held on the evening of February 1, 1901, the following Resolution was adopted after lying over one month, due notice having been sent to all members of the Chapter:

"*Resolved*:—that the Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania be requested to change the name, style and title of this Chapter from Fernwood, No. 256, to University, No. 256."

The above Resolution was unanimously carried without one dissenting voice.

Fraternally yours,

[SEAL] J. MILTON LUTZ, *Secretary*.

M. E. Companion GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., moved

"that the request be refused," which motion was, after considerable discussion, lost.

It was then, on motion duly made and seconded,

Resolved:—that the request of Chapter No. 256 be granted, and that the name, style and title of said Chapter be changed from "Fernwood Royal Arch Chapter, No. 256," to "University Royal Arch Chapter, No. 256."

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, March 1, 1901.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas R. Patton, and the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Charles Cary, from November 20, 1900, to February 26, 1901, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

Balance on hand, November 20, 1900,		$3,438 18
RECEIPTS.		
From Chapters and Mark Lodges,	$5,075 25	
Constitutions, Certificates, etc.,	16 75	
Interest on Deposits,	77	5,092 77
		$8,530 95
EXPENDITURES.		
Past Grand High Priests' Jewels,	$1,200 00	
Investment,	1,010 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests,	715 80	
Salaries,	412 50	
Printing, Postage and Stationery,	242 32	
Library Committee,	100 00	
Clothing and Furniture,	57 50	
Care of Organ,	40 00	3,778 12
Balance, February 26, 1901,		$4,752 83

The Grand Treasurer has invested, as per Resolution of the Grand Chapter, One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00) in the 3 per cent. Loan of the City of Philadelphia, at an expenditure of One Thousand and Ten Dollars ($1010.00).

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed)

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
JACOB W. JACKSON,
Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following Report, which was received, and the accompanying Resolutions were, on motion, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, March 7, 1901.

To the Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws referred to them, and submit the following Resolutions:

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 215 be amended as follows:

Article IV, Sec. 3, last line.—Strike out "Trustees" and insert "Auditing Committee."

Article IV, Sec. 3, nineteenth line.—Strike out "Trustees" and insert "Auditing Committee."

Article IV, Sec. 5.—Strike out all after the word "require."

Article IV, Sec. 6.—Strike out the last clause.

Article VI.—Strike out "subject to the provisions of Article V, Sec. 1," and that, as so amended, they be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 283 be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters No. 190, 200, 256, 268 and 278 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed)

EDGAR A. TENNIS, *Chairman*,
For the Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing reported:

PHILADELPHIA, March 7, 1901.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing report that, since the last Communication of the Grand Chapter, they have asked and received bids for printing the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for 1900, and awarded the contract to MacCalla & Company, who have finished their work, and copies are now being distributed.

Fraternally submitted,
(Signed)
HARRY I. MCINTIRE, JR.,
For the Committee.

The Committee on Charity presented the following:

PHILADELPHIA, March 7, 1901.

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER:—The attention of the Committee on Charity has been called to the needy condition of the aged Widow and the unmarried Daughter of our deceased Companion, William B. Schnider, formerly Grand Tyler of this Grand Chapter. The Widow is over eighty years of age, and the daughter is over sixty years.

Companion Schnider has been dead about thirty years, and the patrimony left by him has been exhausted in maintaining the family.

Their friends have therefore decided to place them in one of the Homes in this city intended for such cases. A large proportion of the money necessary to do this has already been contributed.

I therefore offer the following:

Resolved:—that a donation of Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) be made for the purpose of assisting in placing the two ladies named in a suitable Home, where they will be properly cared for during the remainder of their lives.

(Signed)
CONRAD B. DAY,
Chairman of Committee.

The Report was received as read and the Resolution was, on motion, adopted.

General Returns for 1900 were received from a num-

ber of Chapters and Mark Lodges, which were ordered to be entered and filed.

A Communication was received from Companion J. W. F., late a member of ——— Chapter, No. —, appealing from the action of said Chapter in suspending him from Membership for non-payment of dues, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A Missive was received from the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of California, appointing M. E. Companion ALEXANDER H. MORGAN as its Representative near this Grand Chapter.

On motion Companion ALEXANDER H. MORGAN was acknowledged as such Representative.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions, as follows:

M. E. Companion FRANK TURNER WILHITE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina. Died, December 27, 1900.

M. E. Companion HASWELL CORDIS CLARKE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of Illinois. Died, January 16, 1901.

M. E. Companion JAMES A. TULLEYS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Died, January 21, 1901.

M. E. Companion SAMUEL JAY COYNE, Past Grand

High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of South Dakota. Died, January 22, 1901.

M. E. Companions Isaac F. Stidham, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut; William H. Grosscup, Deputy Grand High Priest, and Past Grand High Priests Charles Belcher, Edward Mills and John B. Bertholf, of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, were pleased to visit the Grand Chapter, and were received with the customary Honors.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Mark Degree.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened, and the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

M. E. Companions William H. Grosscup, Charles Belcher, Edward Mills, John B. Bertholf and Isaac F. Stidham severally addressed the Grand Chapter, extending fraternal greetings.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at ten o'clock and forty minutes, P.M.

Charles Cary,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

JUNE 6, A. D. 1901, A. I. 2431.

PRESENT:

Comp.	EDWARD B. SPENCER,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	HENRY OSCAR KLINE,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	J. HENRY WILLIAMS,	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS R. PATTON,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	CHARLES CARY,	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	REV. HORACE F. FULLER,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	REV. THOMPSON P. EGE,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	JAMES MCCORMICK,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	CARL A. SUNDSTROM,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	FRANKLIN P. MASON,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	ADAM H. SCHMEHL,	*Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	BENJAMIN EISEMAN,	*Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	EDWARD R. W. SEARLE,	*as Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	GEORGE B. WELLS,	*Grand Marshal.*
"	FORREST E. GORDON,	*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	FREDERICK P. SHER,	*as Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	FRANK M. HIGHLEY,	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,	*Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions CURTIS G. CAMPBELL, JOHN B. SPRENKEL, FRED. M. SMITH, ALBERT R. HOOVER, DANIEL Z. WALKER, HENRY L. MOORE, DANIEL B. ELSE, WILLIAM F. SHAY, JOHN W. FARNSWORTH, ELLIS H. DOAN, EDWARD R. W. SEARLE, WILLIAM C. WALKER.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions GEORGE E. WAGNER, HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, JAMES S. BARBER, ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, EDGAR A. TENNIS, EZRA S. BARTLETT, MICHAEL W. JACOBS.

Grand Representatives.

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" ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, of Grand Chapter of California.
" THOMAS R. PATTON, of Grand Chapters of Canada and Scotland.
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" DANIEL W. HUTCHIN, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" GEORGE E. WAGNER, of Grand Mark Lodge of England.
" H. OSCAR KLINE, of Grand Chapter of Florida.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" RICHARD M. JOHNSON, of Grand Chapter of Indian Territory.
" FRANK M. HIGHLEY, of Grand Chapter of Indiana.
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" MICHAEL W. JACOBS, of Grand Chapter of North Dakota.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
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The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock, P.M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, March 7, 1901, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws from Chapters No. 170, 224 and 266, and of proposed Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters No. 199, 233 and 256 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Appeals made the following Report, which was received, and the accompanying Resolution was, on motion, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, June 2, 1901.

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

In the matter of the Appeal of J. W. F. from the action of ——— R. A. Chapter, No. —, in suspending him from membership for non-payment of dues, the Committee on Appeals respectfully report:

That the said J. W. F. was suspended for non-payment of dues at the Stated Meeting of ——— R. A. Chapter, No. —, held December 24, 1900, he having been duly notified by the Secretary of the Chapter, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

It is claimed by the Appellant that, in December, 1897, he sent a check for the full amount of his dues to the Secretary of the Chapter; that with the check was enclosed his resignation from membership; and on this fact he bases his Appeal. The Secretary acknowledges the receipt of the check, but denies the receipt of the resignation, and the Minutes of the Chapter fail to show the presentation of the resignation at the Meeting of December, 1897, or at any subsequent Meeting.

The Appellant insists that he enclosed his resignation in the envelope containing the check. The Secretary is positive that no resignation was enclosed. The Committee cannot decide which of the two is correct; but the Appellant continued to accept notice to attend meetings of the Chapter after he had, as he asserts, resigned; and not until December, 1899, did he call the attention of the Secretary to the resignation of December, 1897.

The first notice to attend a meeting of the Chapter after his asserted resignation was sufficient evidence that he was still being carried on the roll of ——— Chapter, No. —, as a member, and he should have immediately notified the Secretary of his resignation; but he continued to accept the notices, and only when summoned to pay the arrears of dues, two years having elapsed, did he inform the Secretary of his resignation.

As the Appellant made no attempt to inform the Chapter, either through

the High Priest or the Secretary, that he no longer considered himself a member, he certainly has no one to blame for the suspension but himself, and the Committee are of the opinion that ——— R. A. Chapter complied with its obligations to support the Constitution of the Grand Chapter in suspending the Appellant from membership.

The Committee on Appeals respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved:—that the action of ——— Royal Arch Chapter, No. —, be approved and the appeal of J. W. F. be dismissed.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed)

ALEXANDER H. MORGAN,
RICHARD E. COCHRAN,
EDWARD PERRY,
GEORGE W. HALL,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, May 31, 1901.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas R. Patton, and the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Charles Cary, from February 26, 1901, to May 31, 1901, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

Balance on hand, February 26, 1901,		$4,752 83
RECEIPTS.		
From Chapters,	$598 55	
Interest on Masonic Loan,	400 00	
Constitutions, Dispensations, etc.,	12 00	
Sale of Properties,	20 00	1,030 55
Total,		$5,783 38

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest,	$72 38	
Printing, Postage and Stationery,	526 95	
Clothing and Furniture,	85 25	
Salaries,	412 50	1,097 08
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, May 31, 1901,		$4,686 30

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed)

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
JACOB W. JACKSON,
Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following Report, which was received, and the Resolutions attached thereto were, on motion, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, June 5, 1901.

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws submitted to them, and offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters No. 199, 233 and 256 be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 170 be amended as follows:

Article IV, Sec. 3.—After the words "Trust Company" insert "to be approved by the Chapter."

Article IV, Sec. 5.—Strike out "their successors and assigns," and that, as so amended, they be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 224 be amended as follows:

Article IV, Sec. 6.—Strike out the words "their successors and assigns."

Article VII, Sec. 1.—Strike out "except those exempt by vote of the Chapter or by these By-Laws," and that, as so amended, they be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 266 be approved.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,

(Signed) EDGAR A. TENNIS, *Chairman.*

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A Missive was received from Companion C. H. Williams, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, appointing Companion Louis Wagner as its Representative near this Grand Chapter.

On motion Companion Louis Wagner was acknowledged as such Representative.

Communications were received announcing the death of honored Companions, as follows:

M. E. Companion Moses Sawin Adams, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. Died, December 25, 1900.

M. E. Companion Henry C. Burr, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia. Died, March 15, 1901.

M. E. Companion Sylvester Standbury Munger, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Died March 26, 1901.

M. E. Companion Charles H. Chesebro, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut, Royal Arch Masons. Died, April 18, 1901.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened and the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was exemplified.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at eight o'clock and forty-five minutes, P.M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

SEPTEMBER 5, A. D. 1901, A. I. 2431.

PRESENT:

Comp.	EDWARD B. SPENCER,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	J. HENRY WILLIAMS,	*M. E. Grand Scribe, acting M. E. Grand King.*
"	JAMES S. BARBER,	*M. E. Past Grand High Priest, acting M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS R. PATTON,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	CHARLES CARY,	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	REV. WM. B. CHALFANT,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	REV. THOMPSON P. EGE,	*Grand Chaplain.*
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" ROBERT J. LINDEN, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" CHARLES CARY, of the Grand Chapter of New York.
" SAMUEL S. YOHE, of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.
" IRVING P. WANGER, of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" JOSEPH M. WIATT, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" LOUIS WAGNER, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" JOHN KELLER, of the Grand Chapter of Washington.

Chapters No. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 169, 173, 175, 180, 182, 183, 185, 190, 199, 201, 202, 203, 208, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 239, 240, 242, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 266, 270. (43 Chapters.)

M. E. Companion ISAAC F. STIDHAM, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, honored the Grand Chapter with his presence.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock, P.M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, June 6, 1901, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters No. 173, 211, 258 and 282 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance made the following Report:

PHILADELPHIA, August 30, 1901.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas R. Patton, and the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Charles Cary, from May 31, 1901, to August 30, 1901, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

Balance in hands of M. E. Grand Treasurer, May 31, 1901,		$4,686 30
RECEIPTS.		
From Chapters and Mark Lodges,	$733 10	
Constitutions, Dispensations, etc.,	7 00	
Interest on City Loan,	15 00	755 10
Total,		$5,441 40
EXPENDITURES.		
Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest,	$270 90	
Salaries,	412 50	683 40
Balance in hands of M. E. Grand Treasurer, August 30, 1901,		$4,758 00

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed)

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
JACOB W. JACKSON,
Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws submitted the following Report, whereupon, on motion, the accompanying Resolution was adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, September 5, 1901.

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the Amendments to By-Laws submitted to them, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters No. 173, 211, 258 and 282 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed)

EDGAR A. TENNIS, *Chairman.*

The Grand Secretary presented the following Annual Report:

PHILADELPHIA, September 5, 1901.

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

COMPANIONS:—The Grand Secretary respectfully presents the following Annual Report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ending December 27, 1900:

CHAPTERS.

Membership, December 27, 1899, as per last report,		18,419
Admitted during the year 1900,	131	
Restored to Membership,	71	
Marked, etc.,	1,327	1,529
Total,		19,948

DEDUCT.

Died during the year 1900,		304	
Resigned or Membership ceased,		136	
Suspended or expelled,		247	687
Membership, December 27, 1900, per returns,			19,261
A net gain of	842		
Rejected during 1900,	75		
Restored to G. M. S.,	14		

MARK LODGES.

Membership, December 27, 1899,	786
Admitted or restored,	2
Total,	788

DEDUCT.

Died during the year 1900,	44	
Suspended,	1	45
Membership, December 27, 1900, per returns,		743
Number of Chapters, December 27, 1900,	124	
Number of Mark Lodges,	3	

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES CARY,

Grand Secretary

STATISTICS.

No.	Name.	Marked.	Adm.	Died.	Res.	Susp.	Memb
3	Jerusalem,	20	2	9	6	7	390
21	Perseverance,	10	1	5	1	1	164
43		16		3		1	279
52	Harmony,	45	7	19	6	11	983
91	Columbia,	11	1	16	6	7	454
150	Washington,	9	3	1	2	5	118
152	Reading,	11		2	1	2	206
159	Schuylkill,			1			33

No.	Name.	Marked.	Adm.	Died.	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
161	Union,	19		4	1	1	162
162	Zerubbabel,	38	4	10	2	2	777
163	LaFayette,	2	2	1		2	103
164	Brownsville,	5		2		1	68
165	Union,	16		1	12	11	125
166	Mount Moriah,	5	1	3			79
167	Eureka,	10	1	2			79
169	Philadelphia,	13	5	1	1		193
170	Delta,	5	4	3	6	2	137
171	St. John's,	3		2	1		89
172	Temple,	2	1	2	1		56
173	Easton,	7	1	2	1	2	179
174	Northumberland,	6	1	1		3	55
175	Keystone,	15		12	4	13	446
176	George Washington,	6	2	3		4	73
177	Tamaqua,	3		3	4		39
178	Catawissa,		2				24
179	Eureka,	7	1	1		7	90
180	Warren,	2		1			32
181	Lilly,	1	1	1	1		123
182	Shekinah,	23	1	2		2	223
183	Oriental,	44	2	17	11	24	1,063
185	Lackawanna,	30	7	2	1	5	226
186	Lewistown,	12					73
187	Oriental,	2			1	2	43
189	Mountain,	26		1		4	238
190	Norristown,	27		2		2	257
191	Solomon,	5	2	1	1		81
192	Urania,	27	3	1		2	205
193	Duquesne,	42	1	11		2	573
194	Tioga,	1	1	1			53
195	Portage,	16				1	127
196	Mountain City,	4	1	4			118
197	Weidle,	8				4	87
198	Phœnix,	4		3		1	136
199	Howell,	9		5			131
200	Columbus,	4	3	1		1	84
201	Standing Stone,	2		2	1	3	83
202	Howell,	3			1		80
203	Allen,	7	1	4		1	161
204	Anthony Wayne,			4			26

No.	Name.	Marked.	Adm.	Died.	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
205	Factoryville,	8					42
206	Harmony,	3		1			93
207	Aaron,	6	1	1	1		53
208	Germantown,	8		3		3	150
209	Samuel C. Perkins,	2	1	1		2	67
210	Great Bend,		1	1			34
211	Venango,	18	1	1			140
212	Mound,	17	4	5	1	1	140
214	Valley,	8	1			2	79
215	Temple,	17	7	3	5	7	235
216	Zinzendorf,	5	1	1	6	2	78
217	Allegheny,	56	27	11	1	5	575
218	Bloomsburg,	1				7	61
219	Griscom,	6			1	2	69
220	Fort Washington,						28
221	Tremont,	11		1	1	1	60
222	Lycoming,	18			2	2	215
223	Oxford,						56
224	Corinthian,	12		1	2		86
225	Jefferson,	15	1		1		146
226	Siloam,	26	5	2		4	161
227	Emporium,	4		2			66
228	Clearfield,	16	1	2			137
230	Elk,	14	1	1	2		98
232	St. John,	8	1	7	1	3	255
233	Kensington,	14	3	9			458
234	Media,	8		1		2	71
235	Occidental,		1	2		4	111
236	Oil City,	4	1		2	1	100
237	Excelsior,	17	3	5		8	371
238	Newport,	5			2		52
239	Danville,	3		1		1	45
240	Palestine,	23	2	7	2	7	363
241	Bellefonte,	8			1		73
242	Pittston,	8	4		1	1	70
243	T. B. Freeman,	21	8	14	5	14	633
244	Norman,	3		1			102
245	Abington,	7	2	2		2	63
246	Warrior Run,	16			1		63
247	Orient,	21	1	4	2	1	104
248	Temple,	6	1	1		6	150

No.	Name.	Marked.	Adm.	Died.	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
249	Monongahela,	18			2		87
250	Corinthian,	10		5	1	2	291
251	Signet,	1	2	2	2		122
252	Mizpah,		1	4			61
254	Arnold,			1			19
255	Bedford,	1		1	7	1	58
256	Fernwood,	20	7	1		2	166
257	Shiloh,	39	5	3	1		508
258	Chester,	20	1	1	1		215
259	Eden,	11		2		1	88
260	Bradford,	16	9	4	3	4	245
261	Troy,			1			66
262	Montgomery,	9			1		109
263	Coudersport,	2		1	1	2	68
264	Shamokin,	5		2	1	4	69
265	Westfield,	4					34
266	Good Samaritan,	3					77
267	Coatesville,	3		3		1	63
268	Pittsburgh,	18	1	1		2	267
269	Ulysses,	2	2				35
270	Doylestown,	1	7	2			73
271	Pottstown,	5	1		4		109
272	Hebron,	2					44
273	Butler,	11	1	1		2	119
274	Bangor,	4		2			57
275	Kennett,	1				1	32
276	The Susquehanna,	2					64
277	Hazleton,	8	1			1	91
278	Catasauqua,	9	1				55
279	Kane,	8	1				46
280	Cyrus,	19	1	1			116
281	Monroe,		1				65
282	McKeesport,	49	2	3			148
283	Connellsville,		17				17
		1,327	202	304	136	247	19,261

The M. E. Grand High Priest, in feeling and appropriate terms, announced the death, on July 4, 1901, of Companion JAMES MCCORMICK, Grand Captain of the

Host. The announcement was followed by addresses eulogistic of the deceased by M. E. Companion Edgar A. Tennis, Past Grand High Priest, and Companion Rev. William B. Chalfant, Grand Chaplain.

Communications were received announcing the death of distinguished Companions, as follows:

R. E. Companion Edward Carroll Parmelee, Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado. Died, May 10, 1901.

M. E. Companion James R. Bayley, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oregon. Died, May 24, 1901.

M. E. Companion George B. Waterhouse, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina. Died, June 19, 1901.

M. E. Companion Theodore Sutton Parvin, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa. Died, June 28, 1901.

M. E. Companion Mortimer Nye, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Indiana. Died, July 6, 1901.

M. E. Companion James Wassen Moore, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Died, August 2, 1901.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch Degree.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

M. E. Companion Isaac F. Stidham, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, was pleased to address the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and fifteen minutes, P.M.

Charles Cary,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

DECEMBER 5, A. D. 1901, A. I. 2431.

PRESENT:

Comp.	EDWARD B. SPENCER, .	. *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	HENRY OSCAR KLINE, .	. *M. E. Grand King.*
"	J. HENRY WILLIAMS, .	. *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS R. PATTON, .	. *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	CHARLES CARY, . .	. *M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	REV. WM. B. CHALFANT,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
"	REV. HORACE F. FULLER,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
"	REV. THOMPSON P. EGE,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
"	WILLIAM J. DIEHL, .	*as Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	CARL A. SUNDSTROM, .	. *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	FRANKLIN P. MASON, .	. *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	ADAM H. SCHMEHL, .	. *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	BENJAMIN EISEMAN, .	. *Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	JOHN O'DONNEL, . .	. *Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	GEORGE B. WELLS, .	. *Grand Marshal.*
"	FORREST E. GORDON, .	. *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	FRANK W. MARTENIS	*as Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	FRANK M. HIGHLEY, .	. *Grand Pursuivant.*
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, .	. *Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions JOHN MCKAIN, CURTIS G. CAMPBELL, JOHN B. SPRENKEL, FRED. M. SMITH, JOHN H. SHOPP, JOSEPH C. EGBERT, ALBERT R. HOOVER, CHRISTIAN A. SEIDEL, HENRY L. MOORE, WILLIAM F. SHAY, MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, PETER BARKEY, JOHN C. WALLACE, JOHN W. FARNSWORTH, CYRUS H. BLOOD, EDWARD R. W. SEARLE, THOMAS ROSE, SAMUEL S. YOHE, REUBEN A. ZIMMERMAN.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions GEORGE E. WAGNER, HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, JAMES S. BARBER, ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, EDGAR A. TENNIS, EZRA S. BARTLETT.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. EDWARD J. JAMES, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, of the Grand Chapter of California.
" THOMAS R. PATTON, of the Grand Chapters of Canada and Scotland.
" JAMES S. BARBER, of the Grand Chapters of Delaware and North Carolina.
" DANIEL W. HUTCHIN, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" GEORGE E. WAGNER, of the Grand Mark Lodge of England.
" H. OSCAR KLINE, of the Grand Chapter of Florida.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" FRANK M. HIGHLEY, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.
" JOSHUA L. LYTE, of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.
" SAMUEL W. WRAY, of the Grand Chapter of Kansas.
" EDGAR A. TENNIS, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
" ALEXANDER MCCUNE, of the Grand Chapter of Maine.
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
" WILLIAM L. GORGAS, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" ROBERT J. LINDEN, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" EZRA S. BARTLETT, of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
" CHARLES CARY, of the Grand Chapter of New York.
" SAMUEL S. YOHE, of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" JOHN MCKAIN, of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.
" JOSEPH M. WIATT, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" WILLIAM A. SINN, of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
" LOUIS WAGNER, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, of the Grand Chapter of Victoria.
" CONRAD B. DAY, of the Grand Chapter of Virginia.
" JOHN KELLER, of the Grand Chapter of Washington.
" JOHN C. WALLACE, of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

Chapters No. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 159, 162, 163, 165, 166, 169, 170, 172, 173, 174, 175, 180, 181, 182, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 191, 193, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 209, 210, 211, 214, 215, 216, 217, 219, 220, 221, 222, 224, 225, 226, 228, 233, 234, 235, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 262, 266, 268, 270, 278, 280, 281, 282, 283. (88 Chapters)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock, P.M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, September 5, 1901, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received from Chapters No. 43, 193, 197, 227 and 260, which were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following Report:

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1901.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee beg leave to report that nothing but harmony and good feeling exists in the Grand Chapter; therefore it has not been necessary to hold a meeting.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed)

GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.,
HIBBERT P. JOHN,
GEORGE E. WAGNER,
JAMES S. BARBER,

Committee.

The Committee on Finance made the following Quarterly Report:

PHILADELPHIA, November 29, 1901.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas R. Patton, and the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Charles

Cary, from August 30, 1901, to November 20, 1901, and found them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

Balance on hand, August 30, 1901, ...		$4,758 00
RECEIPTS.		
From Chapters and Mark Lodges, ...	$1,053 75	
Dispensations, ...	3 00	
Interest on Masonic Loan, ...	400 00	1,456 75
Total, ...		$6,214 75
EXPENDITURES.		
Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest, . . .	$1,312 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests, . . .	55 94	
Rent, ...	1,500 00	
Masonic Home, ...	500 00	
Salaries, ...	412 50	
Printing, Postage and Stationery, ...	100 80	
Clothing and Furniture, ...	35 95	3,917 19
Balance in hands of M. E. Grand Treasurer, November 20, 1901, ...		$2,297 56

Fraternally submitted,
(Signed)
EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
JACOB W. JACKSON,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance made the following Annual Report:

PHILADELPHIA, November 29, 1901.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas R. Patton, and the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Charles

Cary, from November 20, 1900, to November 20, 1901, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

Balance on hand, November 20, 1900,		$3,438 18

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges,	$7,460 65	
Constitutions, Dispensations, etc.,	58 75	
Interest,	815 77	8,335 17
Total,		$11,773 35

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest,	$1,655 28	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests,	771 74	
Rent,	1,500 00	
Salaries,	1,650 00	
Masonic Home,	500 00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery,	870 07	
Clothing and Furniture,	178 70	
Past Grand High Priests' Jewels,	1,200 00	
Library Committee,	100 00	
Care of Organ,	40 00	
Investment,	1,010 00	9,475 79
Balance in hands of M. E. Grand Treasurer, November 20, 1901,		$2,297 56

We have examined the investments held by the M. E. Grand Treasurer, amounting to Twenty-one Thousand Dollars ($21,000.00). Twenty Thousand Dollars of above are in Bonds of the 4 per cent. Masonic Loan, and One Thousand Dollars in a Bond of the 3 per cent. Philadelphia Loan of 1893, Series J, No. 45, all in the name of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and found them correct.

Bonds No. 60, 61, 62, for $5000.00 each,	$15,000 00
Bonds No. 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, for $1000.00 each,	5,000 00
Bond No. 45, Philadelphia City Loan,	1,000 00
	$21,000 00

The Committee presents the following estimate of Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending November 20, 1902:

Balance on hand, November 20, 1901, . . .		$2,297 56

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges, ...	$7,000 00	
Interest on Investments, ...	830 00	
Constitutions, Dispensations, etc., ...	25 00	7,855 00
		$10,152 56

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest, . . .		$2,000 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests, . . .		850 00	
Masonic Home, ...		500 00	
Salaries:—M. E. Grand Secretary, . .	1,500 00		
Assis'ant, ...	400 00		
Grand Tyler, ...	150 00	2,050 00	
Clothing, Furniture, etc., ...		500 00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery, ...		1,000 00	
Rent, ...		1,500 00	
Care of Organ, ...		40 00	
Library Committee, ...		100 00	
Investment, ...		1,000 00	9,540 00
Estimated Balance, ...			$612 56

We offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved:—that the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to invest One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00) of the funds of the Grand Chapter in a good marketable security in the name of "The Grand Treasurer of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, in Trust for the said Grand Chapter."

Resolved:—that the M. F. Grand High Priest be, and he is hereby author

ized to draw his Warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the amounts named in the foregoing estimates as they may become due and payable.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed)

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
JACOB W. JACKSON,

Committee.

On motion of M. E. Companion George W. Kendrick, Jr., it was

Resolved:—that the Report be amended by substituting "$1,000.00" in place of "$500.00" in the item for the "Masonic Home."

It was then, on motion,

Resolved:—that the Resolutions accompanying the Report be adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following Report, which was received, and the Resolution was, on motion, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, December 3, 1901.

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters No. 43, 193, 197, 227 and 260, take pleasure in reporting that they have examined the Amendments submitted to them, and offer the following Resolution:

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters No. 43, 193, 197, 227 and 260 be approved.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,

(Signed)

EDGAR A. TENNIS, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Printing and Publishing reported as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1901.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing report the expenditure during the year of $870.07, which includes the expense of Printing and Binding the "Proceedings of 1900," and the expressage and postage for their proper distribution.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed)

H. I. MCINTIRE, JR., *Chairman.*

The proposed Amendments to the Constitution, offered at the Quarterly Communication held December 6, 1900, were taken up and considered.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendments be *not* adopted.

Letters were received from Companions Rev. Henry S. Getz and Rev. Benjamin F. Delo, Grand Chaplains, regretting their inability to be present at this Communication of Grand Chapter.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions, as follows:

M. E. Companion ERNST LOUIS HYDE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of Virginia. Died, February 4, 1901.

M. E. Companion JOHN HOWARD WAYT, Past Grand

High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of Virginia. Died, February 13, 1901.

M. E. Companion JOHN WILSON CHAMBERLIN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio. Died, August 11, 1901.

R. E. Companion JOHN LOGAN POWER, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Mississippi. Died, September 24, 1901.

M. E. Companion FREDERIC CARVOSSO WINSLOW, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of Illinois. Died, October 10, 1901.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM L. WEBBER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. Died, October 15, 1901.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Tellers; who having reported, the M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following-named Companions duly elected:

Companion	EDWARD B. SPENCER, . . .	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	HENRY OSCAR KLINE, . . .	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	J. HENRY WILLIAMS, . . .	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS R. PATTON, . . .	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	CHARLES CARY, ...	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at four o'clock and thirty minutes, P.M.

CHARLES CARY,

Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, A. D. 1901, A. I. 2431.

PRESENT:

Comp.	EDWARD B. SPENCER,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	HENRY OSCAR KLINE,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	J. HENRY WILLIAMS,	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS R. PATTON,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	CHARLES CARY,	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	FRED. M. SMITH,	*D. D. Grand High Priest.*
"	JOSEPH J. LINGLE,	*D. D. Grand High Priest.*
"	REV. THOMPSON P. EGE,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	JOHN A. PERRY,	*as Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	CARL A. SUNDSTROM,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	FRANKLIN P. MASON,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	ADAM H. SCHMEHL,	*Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	BENJAMIN EISEMAN,	*Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	JOHN O'DONNEL,	*Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	GEORGE B. WELLS,	*Grand Marshal.*
"	FORREST E. GORDON,	*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	SAMUEL LAUGHLIN,	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	FRANK M. HIGHLEY,	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,	*Grand Tyler.*

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions GEORGE E. WAGNER, HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., JAMES S. BARBER, ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, EDGAR A. TENNIS, EZRA S. BARTLETT.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. EDWARD J. JAMES, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, of the Grand Chapter of California.

Comp. THOMAS R. PATTON, of the Grand Chapters of Canada and Scotland.
" JAMES S. BARBER, of the Grand Chapters of Delaware and North Carolina.
" DANIEL W. HUTCHIN, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" GEORGE E. WAGNER, of the Grand Mark Lodge of England.
" H. OSCAR KLINE, of the Grand Chapter of Florida.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" FRANK M. HIGHLEY, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.
" SAMUEL W. WRAY, of the Grand Chapter of Kansas.
" EDGAR A. TENNIS, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" WILLIAM L. GORGAS, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" ROBERT J. LINDEN, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" EZRA S. BARTLETT, of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
" CHARLES CARY, of the Grand Chapter of New York.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" JOSEPH M. WIATT, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" WILLIAM A. SINN, of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
" LOUIS WAGNER, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" CONRAD B. DAY, of the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

Chapters No. 3, 21, 52, 91, 169, 173, 175, 183, 190, 202, 208, 220, 222, 224, 226, 227, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 247, 248, 250, 251, 252, 255, 258, 270, 271, 277. (33 Chapters.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock, P.M.

Amendment to By-Laws was received from Chapter No. 216, which was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following Report, which was received, and the accompanying Resolution was, on motion, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, December 27, 1901.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—We have examined the Amendment to By-Laws submitted to us, and offer the following:

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendment to By-Laws of Chapter No. 216 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,
(Signed)
EDGAR A. TENNIS,
For the Committee.

General Returns were received from forty-three (43) Chapters, which were ordered to be entered and filed.

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 5, 1901, as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read.

All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired,

Companion EDWARD B. SPENCER was installed *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging;* was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, and were each duly proclaimed, and received the salutations of the Craft.

Companion Henry Oscar Kline, M. E. Grand King.
Companion J. Henry Williams, M. E. Grand Scribe.
Companion Thomas R. Patton, M. E. Grand Treasurer.
Companion Charles Cary, M. E. Grand Secretary.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion EDWARD B. SPENCER, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER:—One year ago, through your kindness, I was honored with the most exalted position within your power to bestow, and the time has now arrived, according to our custom, for me to give an account of my official acts.

It affords me much pleasure to report that peace, prosperity and harmony have prevailed throughout our jurisdiction, and our relations with other Grand Chapters are of the most cordial and friendly character, and it is not incongruous to add that there is, undoubtedly, an undercurrent of loyalty and devotion to the interests of Royal Arch Masonry, which is indicative of prosperity and progress. This encouraging feature exists within the Chapters, and is not the result of any outward influences. In the realm of nature, it is an admitted fact that silent internal forces are the most effective. Even the solid foundations of the earth are moved more by quiet upheavals than by convulsive shocks. So it is with Masonry, while only the routine work of each year comes under observation and criticism, there are activities, unseen and forceful, operating within the organizations, moulding their life and shaping their destinies.

Among the evidences of substantial improvement during the year is the growing interest of the members in the meetings and in the work. The former have been well attended, and the latter is exemplified with commendable exactness. The cases are becoming rare where it is necessary to call in the aid of Past High Priests for the performance of this duty.

On this subject one of our District Deputies reports as follows:—

"I am gratified to report to you that the condition of Capitular Masonry in my district is extremely gratifying. There is not a Chapter that cannot, with its own officers, fully and correctly confer each of the three degrees, and in a creditable manner, too; and I feel that the Chapters have all been exceptionally prosperous in a financial way, as well as by acquisition of good material to their ranks. Not a single incident has occurred in the district but what has been of the most pleasant and gratifying character, and with the bare exception of the rather lax manner in which their Mark Books are kept up, I cannot say that any of the Chapters are open to severe criticism, a state of things which is very gratifying to me, and, I trust, equally so to you."

Similar reports have been received from other District Deputy Grand High Priests which exhibit a very satisfactory state of affairs.

The year just closing shows a marked improvement in growth of membership and material prosperity over the preceding one. The Grand Secretary informs me that the number of Royal Arch Masons in the jurisdiction is about twenty thousand, and yet our growth is not in proper proportion to that of the Blue Lodges. In the evolution of the Mason are we to suppose that, by natural selection, the rule of "the survival of the fittest" has reached its limit, when only a third of the sixty thousand Masons who are under the obedience of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are enrolled in the Chapters of this jurisdiction? The message of each High Priest to the members should be, "Make use of your privileges as a Royal Arch Mason" and there will be a stronger reinforcement from the Blue Lodges, thereby increasing our strength and power and influence.

One of the virtues inculcated in the Mark Degree is "Love," which, in the significance of the word rendered into English as *Charity*, covers not only the emotion which prompts benev-

olence, but the action springing therefrom. The Chapters throughout the jurisdiction have given most liberally to poor and needy Companions, and this Grand Chapter has shown a most excellent spirit in donating largely of its funds to that noble charity, "The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania." Anything bestowed upon this worthy object is a good investment and will return with tenfold blessing to the giver. In England the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons has a large Benevolent Fund for annuities to aged brethren and widows, as well as Education Grants, under the direction of a Board of Managers. We are inclined to believe that there is more of this organized practical work among Masons of the old country than in the Masonic bodies of the United States. I venture to express the hope that this Grand Chapter may soon find itself in a condition to establish a "Charity Fund," from which moneys could be drawn whenever needed for such purposes.

The Dead.

But while we rejoice in the prosperity of the Grand Chapter and its subordinate Chapters, we are not unmindful that the Angel of Death has passed over our jurisdiction and many links in the fraternal chain have been broken. And as no one is alone in his joys, so are the sorrows of this life with us all, and our sister Grand Jurisdictions have been called upon to mourn the loss of many eminent members. We tender them our sincerest sympathy.

For the first time in many years in the history of this Grand Chapter, it becomes the sad duty of the Grand High Priest to announce the demise of one of its appointed officers, Companion James McCormick, late Grand Captain of the Host, who departed this life on the last anniversary of our

Nation's birth, July 4, 1901. Genial in disposition, hearty in manner, true and warm in his friendships, his decease has left a void in the scenes in which he was wont to take a part. Coming with his parents to the United States in his childhood, all his affections were centred on the land of his adoption, yet he never forgot the "Green Isle" that gave him birth. In his early manhood enlisting in the armies of the Union, he placed his life at the service of his adopted country, and in the camp and on the battle-field attested his loyalty. Becoming a member of the Masonic fraternity he was in due time found worthy to fill the chairs and receive the highest honors in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. As a citizen and business man, he was true to the principles of uprightness and integrity. As a Mason he was alike dear to his associates. All who knew him will bear testimony to his ever bright and cheerful temperament.

"He never made a brow look dark,
Nor caused a tear, but
When he died."

A review of the year would be incomplete without a tribute of respect to our lamented brother, the late President of the United States, William McKinley, who died September 14, 1901. His praises have been sounded with no uncertain utterance in every section of this mighty land, and have found their echo in the hearts of the people. The press, the pulpit and the forum have vied with each other in celebrating his noble character and worthy deeds. But it is for us to speak of his exemplary virtues as a Royal Arch Mason, a true representative of the Fraternity to which we belong. As such he was found faithful to the principles which characterize every step in Freemasonry. In his religious life he profoundly revered and devoutly worshiped God. This sentiment governed him in his public administration as well as in his private

acts. While dealing with his fellow men justly, often in important emergencies, his love for humanity led him to plan and act for the highest good of individuals as well as nations. Though brought reluctantly to the dire necessity of war, he might well claim that his life was "with malice toward none, with charity for all." As ruler, legislator, soldier, citizen, friend and companion, he never forgot the principles which are so vividly set forth in the instruction of Lodge and Chapter, and, though we cannot affirm that Masonry was the sole influence which made him what he was, we are able to point to him on his exalted pedestal of fame, radiant with the halo of glory that surrounded him on account of his noble character, and proudly say: "Behold the ideal Mason!"

Representatives.

During the year I have appointed the following Companions as representatives of this Grand Chapter:

Companion Alfred A. Murray, near the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Companion David W. Meadow, near the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

Companion C. B. Mills, near the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

And the following Companions have been appointed and received and acknowledged as representatives of the Grand Chapters named near this Grand Chapter.

Companion Alexander H. Morgan, of the Grand Chapter of California.

Companion Louis Wagner, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

Circular Letter.

Early in the year I sent out the following Letter of Instructions to the District Deputy Grand High Priests, con-

taining such information and citing such laws and decisions as I thought might be of most benefit to the Chapters.

Circular Letter of Instructions to the Several District Deputy Grand High Priests in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

OFFICE OF THE
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST.
MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA.
St. John's Day, December 27, A. D. 1900, A. I. 2430.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:—

This Circular Letter of Instructions contains the regulations which you are expected to observe in the performance of your official duties.

1. You will, as early as possible, visit the Chapters in your district, and cause this Circular Letter of Instructions to be read; and deliver a copy thereof to each of said Chapters, with directions to preserve the same for reference. You will once during the year examine the minutes of each Chapter and make a written report in its Minute Book, correcting any errors you may discover in the matter thereof or in the manner of recording the same, and instruct the M. E. High Priest to have your report read at the next meeting of his Chapter, and the fact that it has been so read noted on the minutes of that meeting.

2. On your visit to a Chapter, carefully inspect the Chapter Hall, see that it is suited to its purpose and that it can be securely tyled; and have some portion of the work rehearsed in your presence, so that you may correct it if it be not the authorized work, or is imperfectly rendered.

3. You will see that every Chapter in your district has in its possession *four* copies of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania of the edition of 1897, and *four* copies of the Holy Bible. You will urge on the officers of the Chapters in your district the necessity of carefully studying the Constitution, in order to make themselves acquainted with its various provisions, a thorough knowledge of which will greatly assist them in conducting the affairs of their Chapters.

4. Notify all officers and members of the Chapters in your district that they will, in the first instance, address you on all questions of Work and Law, and for all information relating thereto which they may seek. Your opinions, decisions and correspondence you will cause to be preserved as part of the official record of your administration. Through you all appeals to this office must be made, and with every appeal you will send copies of your decisions to which said appeal refers, and of the corre-

spondence relating thereto. All correspondence relative to your official duties must be addressed to the M. E. Grand High Priest.

5. You will instruct the officers in their work and see that they are fully qualified for their duties in this respect. In the absence of the High Priest, the Warrant must be placed in the possession of the King, and in the absence of both the High Priest and King, it must be placed in possession of the Scribe. If all are absent no Chapter can be opened, except by the M. E. Grand High Priest or some one specially authorized by him for that purpose.

6. You will not permit any one to instruct or teach the work in your district, unless he has a dispensation therefor, under the seal of the M. E. Grand High Priest, or to deliver a lecture before a Chapter upon any subject, without having first obtained permission from the same authority.

7. High Priests are to be reminded that it is their duty to enforce the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, as well as the By-Laws of their respective Chapters; and especially to see that no ballot on a petition is taken until after the Secretary has made the *necessary inquiry* of the M. E. Grand Secretary, *and his reply has been received*, stating that there is nothing on the records against the applicant. Should a Chapter act on an application for degrees and membership, or for membership only, before receiving a reply from the Grand Secretary, the name of such applicant will be stricken from the roll.

8. You will call the attention of Chapters to the fact that officers are installed only for the Masonic year ending on St. John's Day, and that in case of re-election they must be installed as before. This is to be called to their attention particularly in the case of the Treasurer and Secretary, who are most frequently re-elected.

9. You will render obedience to that clause of the Constitution, page 17, which makes it imperative upon you to attend the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Chapter at least twice a year.

AMONG THE DECISIONS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE SPECIAL ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE FOLLOWING:—

A Chapter cannot be opened on the stated night of meeting prior to the *hour fixed by the By-Laws.*

The use of *Postal Cards* in sending Chapter notices is not permitted.

A *summons* is not necessary for suspension for non-payment of dues, unless the By-Laws so require.

A Chapter cannot act on petitions not *presented* and *read* at a *stated meeting* at least *four weeks* prior to a ballot.

A petition cannot be withdrawn after a favorable report *and* ballot. A second or subsequent petition cannot be withdrawn *in any case.*

A second ballot cannot be taken on a second or subsequent petition.

A Chapter must ballot for all its officers at the same time, but separate boxes must be used for each office, except for Treasurer and Secretary, who may be voted for on the same ticket.

The M. E. High Priest must be installed on or before the St. John's Day next succeeding his election, and serve a full Masonic year as such to retain membership in the Grand Chapter. The High Priest must be invested with the Order of High Priesthood at the time of installation into office.

A Chapter *cannot remit the dues* of a member who has been suspended for non-payment thereof, and then restore him to membership or Good Masonic Standing. He can be so restored only upon *payment* of all arrears of dues.

A Chapter should not restore a Companion suspended for non-payment of dues to Good Masonic Standing, and subsequently restore him to membership under the provision of Article XVIII, Section 4. Restoration to membership *includes* Good Masonic Standing and one restored to "Good Masonic Standing" can be subsequently admitted to "Membership" only upon petition and ballot.

It is not necessary for an inquiry from another Chapter as to "Masonic Objection" to *lie over* from one meeting to another. *The notice* for the meeting when such inquiry is to be acted on must, however, contain the required statement to the members that a ballot will be taken on such inquiry.

Jurisdiction in Pennsylvania belongs to the Grand Chapter alone, and not in any sense to a subordinate Chapter. An applicant for the degrees and membership may apply to any Chapter he desires to enter, without regard to where he resides, and the whole purpose of the inquiry is to determine and have answered, in the neighborhood in which he is presumed to be best known, one question and but one, viz.:—*Is he fit for advancement*, mentally, morally and physically? If he is not, the Chapter to which his petition is addressed should not be allowed to proceed. If he is, the Chapter inquired of has *no right* to say otherwise, however reluctant its members may be to see applicants who might be expected to knock at its doors go elsewhere. The assertion of "Masonic objection" where none really exists is clearly subversive of the rights of other Chapters, and when it is wilfully made cannot be too severely censured.

When a Chapter acts on an inquiry from another Chapter as to "Masonic objection" the result of such action *must be certified immediately to the inquiring Chapter and to the Grand Secretary.*

Distance from the residence of a petitioner to the nearest Chapter must be measured on a *straight line*, without regard to roads or lines of communication.

Secretaries of Chapters are positively instructed to send "Monthly Returns" to the M. E. Grand Secretary *within one week* from the time of holding a stated meeting, in order to receive a reply previous to the meeting following. All *proper names* must be plainly and carefully written.

All deaths, resignations, suspensions, restorations and *rejections* must be reported promptly to the Grand Secretary; considerable annoyance having been caused by failure to observe this rule.

You will understand that your judgment and discretion are relied upon to carry out these regulations.

Visitations.

I had intended during the year to visit every Chapter in Philadelphia, but owing to ill-health and a press of other engagements, I have been able to accomplish but little in this direction.

The Chapters I have been permitted to visit are as follows:

February 4th, Corinthian Chapter, No. 250.

May 3d, University Chapter, No. 256.

October 16, Columbia Chapter, No. 91.

October 21st, Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3.

November 18th, Doylestown Chapter, No. 270.

December 23d, Oriental Chapter, No. 183.

On these occasions I was received with the honors due my official station, and with such fraternal courtesy and personal kindness as to cause me to believe that I was, indeed, a welcome guest.

In those Chapters where the degrees were conferred the work was done in a very impressive and accurate manner, reflecting great credit upon both officers and members.

Dispensations.

During the year I have granted dispensations to the following Chapters:

To Chapter No. 234, to elect a Secretary to fill a vacancy caused by death.

To Chapter No. 174, to elect a Treasurer to fill a vacancy caused by death.

To Chapter No. 218, to elect a Secretary to fill a vacancy caused by death.

To Chapter No. 181, to elect a Treasurer to fill a vacancy caused by death.

To Chapter No. 245, to elect a Treasurer to fill a vacancy caused by death.

To Chapter No. 261, to elect officers, the Chapter having failed to hold an election at the stated meeting in December, 1900.

Edicts.

Information having reached me that Chapter No. 212 had balloted for and conferred the degrees upon three candidates, without having received a favorable reply from the Grand Secretary, I issued an Edict declaring the action of the Chapter null and void and directing that their names be stricken from the roll.

Information having reached me that Chapter 278 had balloted for and conferred the degrees upon a candidate without having received a favorable reply from the Grand Secretary. I issued an Edict declaring the action of the Chapter null and void and directing that his name be stricken from the roll.

Information having reached me that Chapter No. 260 had balloted for and conferred the degrees upon a candidate who had not been passed to the chair, I issued an Edict declaring the action of the Chapter null and void and directing that his name be stricken from the roll.

Waiver of Jurisdiction.

At the request of the M. E. Grand High Priests of New York, New Jersey and Ohio, I have waived the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter and granted permission to Chapters in those jurisdictions to receive and act upon petitions for the Capitular Degrees in a number of cases where the applicants were residents of this State, but members of Lodges in other jurisdictions, and similar courtesy has been extended to this Grand Chapter by the M. E. Grand High Priests of New York, New Jersey and Virginia.

Decisions.

1. The High Priest of a Chapter has the undoubted right to refuse admission to a visitor at his discretion. He should so refuse if a member objects in open Chapter. A Companion desiring to visit has no right to *demand* admission against the objection of a member.

2. The names of applicants for Degrees and Membership, or for Membership only, must be printed or written in the body of the notice proper, and not on a separate slip.

3. A second ballot cannot be taken on a petition for Membership, but a new petition may be presented at any time.

4. The names of all petitioners must appear on the notice for the meeting at which they are to be balloted for. If action is postponed in any case, the name, age, occupation and residence of the petitioner must appear on the notice for every stated meeting until the petition is disposed of.

I have received many letters asking questions which the writers themselves could easily have answered by referring to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, but the following

question I deem of such importance as to plainly call for a decision.

"Will you kindly let me know if members and visitors who attend the meetings of a Chapter should fill out cards the same as in the Lodge, or is it permissible to have a register in the ante-room in which all Companions, both members and visitors, attending the meeting of the Chapter sign their names, giving the name and number of their Chapter and jurisdiction? I notice some of the Chapters in my district adopt the latter plan, the Secretary filling out his minutes in this manner, 'Members and visitors present as per register,' instead of writing out the name of each Companion present, as the Form of Minutes you sent me requires."

Answer.—Members and visitors must send in cards, giving their names in full, together with the name and number of the Chapter and the jurisdiction to which they belong. The names of all Companions present must be written in the minutes and not by reference to a register, as suggested in the question.

Exemplification of the Work.

During the year the several Capitular Degrees have been exemplified in the Grand Chapter by members of the Temple School of Instruction, as follows:

The Degree of Mark Master Mason at the Quarterly Communication in March.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason at the Quarterly Communication in June.

And the Royal Arch Degree at the Quarterly Communication in September.

These exemplifications were under the direction of Companion Carl A. Sundstrom, assisted by a competent corps of officers. The work was accurately and impressively done and deserving of the high praise it received. I tender Companion Sundstrom and those who assisted him my thanks and the thanks of the Grand Chapter.

Invitations.

During the year I received the following invitations:

From Companion Robert H. Clark, President of the Fraternal Union of Anointed High Priests of the State of New York, to attend their Annual Banquet.

From the High Priest of Delta Royal Arch Chapter, No. 170, to attend the ceremonies and banquet incident to the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Constitution of the Chapter.

From the High Priest of Bedford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 255, to attend the ceremonies and banquet incident to the celebration of the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Constitution of the Chapter.

From the High Priest of Chester Royal Arch Chapter, No. 258, to attend their Annual Banquet.

From M. E. Companion George C. Woolson to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

I was not able to accept any of these invitations, but in each case a courteous letter of regrets was sent, conveying the greetings and congratulations of this Grand Chapter.

Distinguished Visitors.

At the Quarterly Communication in March we were signally honored by reason of the presence of the following distinguished visitors:

M. E. Companions Isaac F. Stidham, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut; William H. Grosscup, Deputy Grand High Priest, and Past Grand High Priests Charles Belcher, Edward Mills and John B. Bertholf, of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

These Companions were received with the honors due their stations, and such hospitality extended them as was in our power.

District Deputies.

If the system of District Deputies is a failure in other jurisdictions, it is a grand success in this, and I have taken occasion to "know whereof I speak." These faithful Companions continue to demonstrate how valuable are their services and the great interest they feel in the trust committed to their keeping. All but five have submitted reports showing their vigilance in the discharge of their important duties. I desire to express my sense of personal obligation to them, also the thanks of the Grand Chapter.

This, Companions, is the report of my official acts for the year just ended. I thank you very heartily and very sincerely for the high honor you have done me in re-electing me to the exalted station of Grand High Priest, and for the generous support and kindly consideration I have received at your hands.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then announced the following Appointments for the present Masonic year, beginning this day:

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

The County of Philadelphia will be under the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Edward B. Spencer.

1. Companion John McKain, of Pittsburg, for the Counties of Allegheny and Washington.

2. Companion William C. Thompson, of Butler, for the Counties of Beaver and Butler.

3. Companion Curtis G. Campbell, of Johnstown, for the Counties of Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Somerset and Cambria.

4. Companion John B. Sprenkel, of York, for the Counties of Lancaster, Adams and York.

5. Companion Fred M. Smith, of Chester, for the County of Delaware and Chapter No. 223, of Chester County.

6. Companion John H. Shopp, of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Cumberland and Franklin.

7. Companion Joseph C. Egbert, of Wayne, for Chapters No. 190, 262 and 271, of Montgomery County, and No. 198, of Chester County.

8. Companion Albert R. Hoover, of Reading, for the Counties of Berks and Lebanon.

9. Companion Christian A. Seidel, of Pottsville, for the County of Schuylkill.

10. Companion Daniel Z. Walker, of Allentown, for the Counties of Lehigh and Carbon and Chapter No. 216, of Northampton County.

11. Companion Henry L. Moore, of Wilkes-Barre, for the County of Luzerne and Chapter No. 172, of Wyoming County.

12. Companion James H. Codding, of Towanda, for the Counties of Bradford, Sullivan and Tioga.

13. Companion Charles E. Cooper, of Oil City, for the Counties of Warren, Venango and Forest.

14. Companion Joseph J. Lingle, of Emporium, for the Counties of Cameron and Elk and Chapter No. 279, of McKean County.

15. Companion Daniel B. Else, of Williamsport, for the Counties of Lycoming, Clinton and Centre.

16. Companion William F. Shay, of Watsontown, for the County of Northumberland.

17. Companion Martin L. Shaffner, of Huntingdon, for the Counties of Mifflin, Bedford, Huntingdon, Juniata, Fulton, Perry, Clearfield and Blair.

18. Companion Peter Barkey, of Erie, for the Counties of Erie and Crawford.

19. Companion John C. Wallace, of New Castle, for the Counties of Mercer and Lawrence.

20. Companion John W. Farnsworth, of Danville, for the Counties of Montour and Columbia.

21. Companion Cyrus H. Blood, of Brookville, for the Counties of Jefferson, Clarion and Armstrong.

22. Companion Ellis H. Doan, of Coatesville, for the County of Chester, except Chapter No. 198, at Phœnixville, and Chapter No. 223, at Oxford.

23. Companion Homer E. Spencer, of Susquehanna, for the Counties of Susquehanna and Wayne, except Chapter No. 180, at Montrose.

24. Companion Thomas Rose, of Ambler, for Bucks County and Chapters Nos. 220 and 245, of Montgomery County.

25. Companion Samuel S. Yohe, of Easton, for the Counties of Northampton and Monroe, except Chapter No. 216, at Bethlehem.

26. Companion Reuben A. Zimmerman, of Scranton, for the County of Lackawanna and Chapters No. 180, of Susquehanna County, and No. 205, of Wyoming County.

27. Companion William C. Walker, of Bradford, for the Counties of McKean and Potter, except Chapter No. 279, at Kane.

Grand Chaplains.

Comp. Rev. Henry S. Getz, of Philadelphia.
Comp. Rev. Charles M. Stock, of Hanover.
Comp. Rev. Benjamin F. Delo, of Clarion.
Comp. Rev. William B. Chalfant, of Stroudsburg.
Comp. Rev. Will H. Hiller, of Wilkes-Barre.
Comp. Rev. Horace F. Fuller, of Philadelphia.
Comp. Rev. Thompson P. Ege, of Oaks.

Grand Captain of the Host.

Comp. Carl A. Sundstrom, of Chapter No. 175.

Grand Principal Sojourner.

Comp. Franklin P. Mason, of Chapter No. 243.

Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Comp. Adam H. Schmehl, of Chapter No. 237.

Grand Master of Third Vail.

Comp. Benjamin Eisenman, of Chapter No. 183.

Grand Master of Second Vail.

Comp. John O'Donnel, of Chapter No. 91.

Grand Master of First Vail.

Comp. Forrest E. Gordon, of Chapter No. 169.

Grand Marshal.

Comp. George B. Wells, of Chapter No. 52.

Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. Samuel Laughlin, of Chapter No. 232.

Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. John C. Taylor, of Chapter No. 250.

Grand Pursuivant.

Comp. Frank M. Highley, of Chapter No. 183.

Grand Tyler.

Comp. William B. Joslyn, of Chapter No. 175.

Committee on Jurisprudence.

M. E. Comp. George W. Kendrick, Jr., P. G. H. P.,
M. E. Comp. Hibbert P. John, P. G. H. P.,
M. E. Comp. George E. Wagner, P. G. H. P.,
M. E. Comp. James S. Barber, P. G. H. P.
In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Committee on Appeals.

M. E. Comp. Alexander H. Morgan, P. G. H. P.,
Comp. Edward Perry,
Comp. George J. Benner,
Comp. George W. Hall,
Comp. Richard E. Cochran.

Committee on Finance.

M. E. Comp. Ezra S. Bartlett, P. G. H. P.,
Comp. M. Richards Mucklé,
Comp. Charles W. Packer,
Comp. William M. Donaldson,
Comp. Jacob W. Jackson.

Committee on By-Laws.

M. E. Comp. Edgar A. Tennis, P. G. H. P.,
M. E. Comp. Richard M. Johnson, P. G. H. P.,
Comp. Philip C. Shaffer,
Comp. Joseph M. Wiatt,
Comp. Louis M. Wagner.

Committee on Correspondence.

M. E. Comp. Michael W. Jacobs, P. G. H. P.
Comp. Stockton Bates,
Comp. Joshua L. Lyte,

Comp. James H. Codding,
Comp. Francis H. Hemperley.

Committee on Charity.

Comp. Conrad B. Day,
Comp. Samuel Diemer,
Comp. Robert L. Holliday,
Comp. William S. Semple,
Comp. William J. Diehl.

Committee on Printing and Publishing.

Comp. Harry I. McIntire, Jr.,
Comp. Alexander McCune,
Comp. James W. R. Washington,
Comp. Jacob Gläser,
Comp. Samuel F. Davis.

The announcement of the illness of Grand Chaplain Companion Rev. Henry S. Getz was made, whereupon, on motion of Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion George W. Kendrick, Jr., it was

Resolved:—that the Grand Secretary be directed to convey to him the sincere regrets of the Companions of this Grand Chapter, and their earnest hope for his early restoration to health.

The Grand Secretary appointed Companion STOCKTON BATES Assistant Grand Secretary; which appointment was approved by Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at eight o'clock and thirty minutes, P.M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

OF

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

1795, William Ball.†
1796—1797, William Moore Smith.†
1798—1802, Jonathan Bayard Smith.†
1802—1805, Israel Israel.†
1806—1813, James Milnor.†
1814, Richard Tybout.†
1815, Samuel F. Bradford.†
1816—1817, Walter Kerr.†
1818—1821, Bayse Newcomb.†
1822—1823, Josiah Randall.†
1824—1825, Michael Nisbet.†
1826, John Steele, Jr.†
1827, Tristram B. Freeman.†
1828, Joseph S. Riley.†
1829—1831, John M. Read.†
1832—1833, Samuel H. Perkins.†
1834, Enos S. Gandy.†
1835, John Y. Black.†
1836—1840, Joseph R. Chandler.†
1841—1842, Alexander Diamond.†
1843—1844, William Whitney.†
1845—1846, William Barger.†
1847, John McGrath.†
1848, John J. Krider.†
1849, James Simpson.†

1850—1851, David C. Skerrett.†
1852—1853, Edward P. Lescure.†
1854, Anthony Bournonville.†
1855—1856, Harman Baugh.†
1857, John C. Smith.†
1858—1859, Daniel Thompson.†
1860, Benjamin Parke.†
1861, Harman Yerkes.†
1862—1863, Jeremiah L. Hutchinson.†
1864—1865, George W. Wood.†
1866—1867, Samuel C. Perkins.
1868—1869, George Griscom.†
1870—1871, Michael Nisbet.†
1872—1873, Charles E. Meyer.
1874—1875, Andrew Robeno, Jr.†
1876, George E. Wagner.
1877—1878, Alfred R. Potter.†
1879—1880, William C. Hamilton.
1881—1882, Hibbert P. John.
1883—1884, Augustus R. Hall.†
1885—1886, George W. Kendrick, Jr.
1887—1888, Matthias H. Henderson.
1889—1890, James S. Barber.
1891—1892, Alexander H. Morgan.
1893—1894, Edgar A. Tennis.
1895—1896, Ezra S. Bartlett.
1897—1898, Richard M. Johnson.
1899—1900, Michael W. Jacobs.
1901, Edward B. Spencer.

† Deceased.

Eng'd by W. T. Bather Ekyn. N.Y.

Charles Cary.

M. E. Grand Secretary.

1894 —

Our Dead.

"Loved ones, we shall meet again
On that bright and blissful shore
Where no sorrow is, nor pain,
With the Lord for evermore."

In Memoriam.

JAMES McCORMICK

Grand Captain of the Host;
P. H. P. Chapter No. 250.

DIED JULY 4, 1901.

JOSEPH OTTO

H. P. Chapter No. 206.

DIED NOVEMBER 4, 1901.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM H. EGLE

P. H. P. Chapter No. 21.

DIED FEBRUARY 19, 1901.

DAVID H. WYLIE

P. H. P. Chapter No. 43.

DIED AUGUST 7, 1901.

HENRY H. UNDERWOOD

P. H. P. Chapter No. 43.

DIED AUGUST 25, 1901.

JOHN G. VANDEGRIFT

P. H. P. Chapter No. 52.

DIED FEBRUARY 11, 1901.

JOHN C. A. HOFFEDITZ

P. H. P. Chapter No. 152.

DIED AUGUST 21, 1901.

In Memoriam.

JAMES BOWN

P. H. P. Chapter No. 162

DIED JANUARY 29, 1901.

GEORGE BAILEY

P. H. P. Chapter No. 162.

DIED JULY 20, 1901.

JOHN T. BEARDSLEY

P. H. P. Chapter No. 163.

DIED MARCH 30, 1901.

GEORGE R. McCREA

P. H. P. Chapter No. 163.

DIED APRIL 13, 1901.

WALTER G. WILSON

P. H. P. Chapter No. 169.

DIED AUGUST 7, 1901.

In Memoriam.

DANIEL SHEPP

P. H. P. Chapter No. 177.

DIED FEBRUARY 4, 1901.

APOLLOS STONE

P. H. P. Chapter No. 180.

DIED MAY 18, 1901.

THOMAS S. McNAIR

P. H. P. Chapter No. 181.

DIED JULY 25, 1901.

JOHN M. PEOPLES

P. H. P. Chapter No. 192.

DIED JULY 25, 1901.

JACOB SELL

P. H. P. Chapter No. 192.

DIED SEPTEMBER 10, 1901.

In Memoriam.

ROBERT H. NIXON

P. H. P. Chapter No. 195.

DIED MAY 19, 1901.

DANIEL D. MORETON

P. H. P. Chapter No. 196.

DIED AUGUST 13, 1901.

LUTHER B. KLINE

P. H. P. Chapter No. 201.

DIED JANUARY 21, 1901.

AUGUSTUS LETTERMAN

P. H. P. Chapter No. 201.

DIED JULY 10, 1901.

LYMAN S. CHASE

P. H. P. Chapter No. 205.

DIED MARCH 16, 1901.

In Memoriam.

GILES S. WILSON

P. H. P. Chapter No. 205.

DIED JULY 29, 1901.

EZRA C. BROWNING

P. H. P. Chapter No. 205.

DIED OCTOBER 22, 1901.

JOSIAH P. WILBER

P. H. P. Chapter No. 209.

DIED MAY 2, 1901.

CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP

P. H. P. Chapter No. 218.

DIED APRIL 11, 1901.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL

P. H. P. Chapter No. 234.

DIED FEBRUARY 17, 1901.

In Memoriam.

WESLEY HORNING

P. H. P. Chapter No. 237.

DIED OCTOBER 26, 1901.

WILLIAM C. ROTH

P. H. P. Chapter No. 240.

DIED OCTOBER 9, 1901.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT

P. H. P. Chapter No. 245.

DIED SEPTEMBER 1, 1901.

WILLIAM H. HOSKINS

P. H. P. Chapter No. 250.

DIED MAY 19, 1901.

EDWIN P. DALRYMPLE

P. H. P. Chapter No. 254.

DIED OCTOBER 17, 1901.

In Memoriam.

ARTHUR H. SHOLES

P. H. P. Chapter No. 257.

DIED JUNE 19, 1901.

DELOS ROCKWELL

P. H. P. Chapter No. 261.

DIED FEBRUARY 24, 1901.

CHARLES H. SPEAKMAN

P. H. P. Chapter No. 267.

DIED OCTOBER 28, 1901.

PAUL H. APPLEBACH

P. H. P. Chapter No. 270.

DIED OCTOBER 18, 1901.

MELVIN W. MOFFITT

P. H. P. Chapter No. 279.

DIED APRIL 19, 1901.

REPORT

OF THE

Committee on Correspondence.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the custom which has for a number of years existed in this Grand Chapter, the following report is the result of the labors of all the members of the Committee. The proceedings of the various Grand Chapters have been assigned to the several members as follows:

Alabama Arizona Arkansas California Canada Colorado Connecticut Delaware District of Columbia England	M. W. Jacobs, P. G. H. P.
Florida General Grand Chapter Georgia Illinois Indian Territory Indiana Iowa Ireland Kansas Kentucky Louisiana	Stockton Bates.

Maine	James H. Codding.
Maryland	
Massachusetts	
Michigan	
Minnesota	
Mississippi	
Missouri	
Montana	
Nebraska	
Nevada	
New Brunswick	
New Hampshire	Joshua L. Lyte.
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	
North Carolina	
North Dakota	
Nova Scotia	
Ohio	
Oregon	
Quebec	
Rhode Island	
Scotland	
South Carolina	Francis H. Hemperly.
South Dakota	
Tennessee	
Texas	
Vermont	
Victoria	
Virginia	
Washington	
West Virginia	
Wisconsin	

Those who have been reading these annual reports will note two changes in the Committee. The valuable services of that ripe Masonic scholar, vigorous writer and estimable man, Companion J. Simpson Africa, have been irretrievably lost. His private and public life, Masonic services and death

were fittingly referred to by Companion Henderson in last year's report. The Committee has also lost its Chairman, Companion Henderson, and those who have been accustomed to read these reports will greatly miss his clear and able expositions of Masonic doctrine, jurisprudence and practice. We sincerely hope that his absence from the head of the Committee is but temporary, and that, with restored health, he may ere long be again found in his old place, wielding his pen with his accustomed grace and vigor.

We may be pardoned if we do not quite concur in the view which appears to prevail in some quarters, that these reports are addressed mainly to the Committee on Correspondence of other jurisdictions. Interchange of compliment is pleasant, and interchange of opinion is often, if not always, profitable. But in our view these are merely incidental. Not only are the reports formally addressed to our own Grand Chapter, but their primary object is to keep the members of the Craft of our own jurisdiction informed of what is going on in others, and, when occasion presents itself, to impress upon them the principles of our own jurisprudence and practice, by contrasting them with those of other jurisdictions. And we are glad to know that the number of Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction who read these reports is large and increasing, and that the opportunity of giving information and, within certain limits, instruction also, is correspondingly great. The western Companion, therefore, who says that "Pennsylvania really makes one irritable" because the Committee on Correspondence are constantly telling "how things are done in Pennsylvania," makes a grave mistake in imagining that he is the sole audience to whom these reports are addressed. We believe, however, that this "irritable" Companion is an exception, and that there are many Companions outside of Pennsylvania who are inter-

ested to know "how things are done" in our jurisdiction, as we are much interested to know "how things are done" in theirs. All persons cannot think or act alike, and we fully recognize the right of others to disagree with us, as we have the right to differ with them. But we must be allowed the privilege—and certainly should be allowed it without unkind criticism—of saying to our own Grand Chapter and its members, when it appears advisable to do so, why we think our own laws and usages relative to particular matters more desirable than those prevailing elsewhere. We shall therefore, when occasion appears to require it, continue to refer to our own jurisprudence and practice, and if by reason of our so doing any "irritable" Companion finds parts of our reports uninteresting or irritating, they can easily be skipped.

ARKANSAS.

The Fifty-first Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Arkansas was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, on Thursday, November 22, 1900. M. E. Grand High Priest J. S. Westerfield presided. In his Annual Address he states that "the rapid addition of new Chapters has not been encouraged, and the retirement of such as have passed a period of usefulness has at every step been provided for, thus endeavoring to propogate a healthy offspring which is the real strength of every organization."

He reports two decisions, only one of which need be noticed—and it is clearly right. It is as follows:

A motion to place in the hands of the Captain of the Host the sum of $20, to be used at his discretion for charitable purposes, but the real object being to return to a recently exalted Companion so much of his

$25 fee for the degrees, would not be in order, and the High Priest did not err in so deciding.

He granted numerous dispensations, most of which, we regret to say, were to receive and ballot on petitions at special meetings or without waiting the usual time. He did not feel easy in granting these dispensations, and thus explains his course—to his companions nominally, although, we suspect, to himself really:

"In 1897, the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, in their report—which was adopted—recommended that dispensations to ballot out of regular time be not hereafter granted. The matter was referred to, with an apology for having overlooked the same, by Grand High Priest Grace in 1898. Grand High Priest Kennerly was careful to grant such dispensations only on what appeared to be 'very valid' reasons.

"In the beginning of my administration, I saw no course open to me but to obey the mandates of the Grand Chapter, but the pressure soon became too great. I decided that I could not withhold such dispensations, to which the Chapters from long usage had become accustomed, without in many cases working hardships and causing serious disappointments, and went back to the old regime.

"When a Past Grand High Priest, ——— ———, who was Chairman of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations when the action was had, and Past Grand High Priest ————, of the Committee on Law and Usage, each sent a request for such dispensations, I felt pretty sure that I could not be doing very serious harm, and exercised the privilege in all cases where reasons were given with a freer hand and a lighter heart."

Too bad! too bad! He was too good-natured and erred against his own better judgment at the solicitation of those who should have strengthened his hands instead of tempting him. Good nature is an excellent quality, but firmness is better. Oh! for an Aaron and a Hur to hold up the hands of a Grand High Priest of such good intentions.

He arrested the Charter of one Chapter and commissioned a special Deputy to arrest that of another. The latter order does not appear to have been carried out, as the Chapter

appears to have been represented at the Annual Convocation and to be carried on the rolls as in good standing.

One Chapter was chartered and a dispensation was granted to form another.

The following action we do not understand:

"On motion of Comp. Thornburgh, the Grand Secretary was ordered to place the name of Honorary Past Grand High Priest Comp. R. J. Laughlin on the roll of actual Past Grand High Priests."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made no report, but promised a table of statistics, to appear in the appendix, which, however, does not appear.

Comp. Thomas H. Jones, Little Rock, M. E. Grand High Priest; Comp. John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

ALABAMA.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple, at Montgomery, on December 3 and 4, 1900. M. E. Grand High Priest Edward S. Gatchell presided. In his annual address, after paying a glowing tribute to Freemasonry and its effect upon society, he states "that Capitular Masonry is now in a healthier condition in Alabama than it has been in several years past." He reports that, although during the year little business of importance has been transacted by him, five new Chapters have been organized, and some that had been dormant have been reorganized and are now actively at work. He is too modest. This, it seems to us, is considerable business of great importance. But we do not entirely join him in the hope that the spirit of Capitular Masonry "may continue until every town and community in our jurisdiction can boast of a Chapter of Royal Arch

Masons." We rejoice in the growth of Capitular Masonry in Alabama, and hope it may long continue, but we think too much care cannot be exercised in the granting of charters to Royal Arch Chapters, and we believe that, generally speaking, they should be located only in such centres of population and Masonic interest as give reasonable assurance of permanency and vigorous life.

He granted seven special dispensations to receive and ballot upon the petitions of a large number of applicants for the Chapter degrees, and, if elected, to confer the degrees at once; also five dispensations to form and organize Chapters.

He made but one decision—which, from the standpoint of Pennsylvania Capitular jurisprudence, is sound—viz.: "That neither of the first three officers of a Chapter can resign during the Masonic year." He made two visitations, and at one of them conferred the Royal Arch degree on a "team." The M. E. Grand High Priest of another Grand Chapter recently reported that he had conferred the degree on "six teams in two days." Without meaning the slightest disrespect to those who use this word, we do not like it. It certainly is not elegant or expressive. Its etymology has no connection with its usage. It is not descriptive, unless, indeed, the "levity" in the Royal Arch degree, so much and so greatly complained of in many jurisdictions, arises from the too literal application, by the Companions, of this term to the candidates. Its use is confined to this country, and, happily, has not invaded our own jurisdiction to any extent. How did it ever come into the vocabulary of Royal Arch Masons? We have read of "degree teams" in other organizations—a somewhat different application—and probably it has crept in from some such foreign source. But why seekers after knowledge, in a degree so full of solemn meaning and which has been described as more "august, sublime and

important than any which precede it," should be treated or described as "a team" passes our understanding. The word "class" appears to be used in some jurisdictions, but this—although better than "team"—appears to be not entirely appropriate, and has manifestly crept into ancient craft Masonry from another source. One of the reviewers in another jurisdiction suggests "triplet." But why not say "three candidates?"

In reporting the deaths of a large number of distinguished Companions of other jurisdictions, the Grand High Priest remarks that during the year the "Grand Reaper" had not invaded the ranks of the membership of the Grand Chapter of Alabama. But, alas! Within ten days after the Annual Convocation the R. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Henry Clay Armstrong, was no more. A fitting memorial of his life and services is inserted at the end of the volume of proceedings.

The following remarkable communication was read and referred to the incoming Grand High Priest, for such action as he might deem proper:

FORT GAINES, GA., March 3d, 1900.

"Dr. C. L. C. Atkeson, Columbia, Ala.

"DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:—Replying to yours of February 28th. Your information is correct. We have conferred the Chapter degree on several 'Alabamians.' I know of no authority for this other than that Masonry recognizes no North, South, East, or West, and, of course, no State lines.

Yours fraternally,

E. A. GRAHAM, H. P.,

"La Fayette Chapter, No. 12."

We await the result with interest.

A resolution to repeal the standing resolution authorizing the use of substitutes was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence with instructions to report at the next Annual Grand Convocation.

A resolution to purchase jewels for the Past Grand High Priests was adopted.

The Report on Correspondence is by the modest and genial Companion William Y. Titcomb. But his unfailing kindliness and courtesy do not prevent him from occasionally expressing his opinions, and sound ones, too, particularly with respect to railroading candidates and dependent membership. He notes considerable adverse criticism, by correspondents, of the action of his Grand Chapter in adopting a "constitutional amendment giving the Chapters the right to admit clergymen free of charge," and we suspect that Companion Titcomb himself does not very heartily endorse this action. Speaking for ourselves, while we deeply respect the high calling of our ministerial brethren and rejoice to see as many of them as possible enter our Chapters, we doubt the wisdom of any distinction between clergymen and laymen in the matter of initiation fees.

He reviews the Pennsylvania proceedings for 1899, quoting a number of the decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and generally remarking of the Report of the Committee on Correspondence that "it contains a very valuable compendium of Masonic information."

Grand High Priest, George F. Moore, Montgomery; Grand Secretary, Lew. Lazarus, Montgomery.

ARIZONA.

The Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Phœnix, on Wednesday, November 14, 1900. Five of the six Chapters were represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Frederic Gustav

Brecht, in his Annual Address, reports that "the craft in Arizona has in the main enjoyed another prosperous year," and that "perfect accord and harmony prevail." He made no visitations beyond attending the meetings of his own Chapter. But the reports of the specially-appointed visitors show that the several Chapters are in good condition, but with apparently little work, the net gain in membership of the six Chapters during the year being nineteen. He made no decisions and reports no official acts, except the issuing of commissions to three Grand Representatives and the approval of the By-Laws of one Chapter. The Grand Secretary—to whom he affectionately refers as "the father of this grand organization, the distinguished Companion, George J. Roskruge"—having, since the organization of the Grand Chapter, "served faithfully as its Grand Secretary without any compensation whatever," the M. E. Grand High Priest recommended that the salary of the Grand Secretary be fixed at $150 per annum. This recommendation was concurred in by the Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest, and was adopted by the Grand Chapter—as it should have been.

The Committee on Grievances reported that not only had they no business before them, but that they were "of the opinion that in this entirely harmonious Grand Body this Committee has no business to exist." We sincerely hope they may never be called upon to perform any duties, but it is better to continue the Committee. There is no telling what may happen.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is comprised in seven lines. They report "that nothing of interest has come before them which calls for remark." This is a little hard on the members of the Correspondence Guild from Maine to California.

At the close of the Convocation a Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand High Priest.

Grand High Priest, George Shand, Tucson; Grand Secretary, George J. Roskruge, Tucson.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California held its Forty-seventh Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16 and 17, 1901. M. E. Grand High Priest Edward Richards Hedges presided and delivered an unusually interesting Annual Address. He states:

"The Royal craft has made unusual progress during the year past, and our beloved Order, I am pleased to say to you, is in a healthy, prosperous condition; increased activity, renewed interest, and, with one exception, the largest accession in membership of any year since the organization of the Grand Chapter."

Much of this progress, we believe, was due to the earnest and devoted efforts of Grand High Priest Hedges. We are particularly struck by the extraordinary vigor and activity of his administration, and by the large amount of time which he must have devoted to the performance of his duties, traveling over a large part of the large State of California, from Siskiyou to San Diego, visiting one-third or more of the Chapters." His patient devotion to the welfare of the craft is shown by his five visits to one Chapter in his efforts to revive it and bring its members to a sense of their responsibility. We are glad to chronicle his ultimate success, in spite of the lamentable indifference of both officers and members. But we regret to find so excellent an administrator of Masonic affairs granting a number of dispensations to ballot out of time.

He announces the death of Companions William Thomas Reynolds and Thomas Hubbard Caswell, both Past Grand High Priests and Past Grand Secretaries of the Grand Chapter of California.

Among the commissions issued we note one to our own M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Alexander H. Morgan, as representative near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Two Chapters were chartered and constituted, and dispensations were granted to form two others.

In the absence of any law or prohibition to the contrary, he declined to hold illegal the action of a Chapter remitting dues of several of its members "for all time to come." The question, but for our own express provisions respecting life membership, would be met in a different way in Pennsylvania, where the doctrine is settled that "whatever is not permitted is prohibited." The same doctrine—without perhaps being expressed in the same terms—seems to be recognized in California, for, the question stated having been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, they reported:

"That in remitting dues for all time to come, the action of the Chapter was illegal and void. Dues of Companions may be remitted after such dues have accrued, but cannot be remitted for a future time or period. Life-memberships are the subjects of contract between the Chapter and its members. There is no provision of law in this Jurisdiction which authorizes Chapters to enter into contracts for or permits life-membership.

Another interesting question was presented to the M. E. Grand High Priest for his decision, viz.: A section of the Uniform Code of By-Laws provided as follows: "The monthly dues of each member shall be fifty cents. No member who, at the annual meeting, shall be in arrears for dues shall be allowed to ballot or be eligible for any office." At the annual meeting of a Chapter the High Priest ruled that

all members not six months in arrears for dues were entitled to vote. The M. E. Grand High Priest, following what he believed to be the spirit and intent, rather than the exact letter of the law, declined "to decide the ruling unlawful, arguing that great hardship and injustice would result from so holding." The matter passed along to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported that the action of the High Priest in refusing to enforce the law as it stood was error. But at the same time they recommended an amendment to the Constitution providing, "All members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at any election and be eligible to any office in the Chapter." And this amendment was immediately adopted by the overwhelming vote of one hundred and eighty-nine "ayes" to twenty-four "noes."

We cannot see the reason for all this. In our own jurisdiction the By-Laws of the Chapters contain similar provisions, which are constantly enforced without any complaint of hardship or injustice. On the other hand, such provisions have a good effect, in that, besides protecting the Chapter from loss, they induce the prompt payment of dues in comparatively easy sums, and thus save the member from ultimate suspension when, through neglect or other cause, the amount has grown too great to be conveniently paid.

The following remarkable resolution having been offered:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter will not hereafter receive bids for printing from parties who are not Masons, nor from corporations doing a printing business, when not more than twenty-five per cent. of the stock is held by those who are Masons; and, further, that this resolution be made a General Regulation of this Grand Chapter,"

the Committee on Jurisprudence sensibly reported as follows:

"There is no Masonic Law which would prevent the adoption of this

resolution by Grand Chapter, but your Committee believe it would not be advisable as a business proposition."

And the resolution was lost.

In reporting upon a complaint of abuse of authority by a High Priest, the same Committee laid down the following, which we commend to our Pennsylvania Companions as stating sound Masonic doctrine that is well settled and ought to be well understood in this jurisdiction:

"*First.* The High Priest of a Chapter is vested with almost absolute power to check the Chapter in any action which in his judgment is in contravention of Masonic law, or which might have a tendency to injuriously affect the well-being and harmony of the Chapter; and should he have permitted the Chapter to act in an illegal manner through error on his part in the first instance, upon the discovery of such error, he not alone has the right, but it would be his duty to stop further proceedings in such erroneous course, either by refusing to entertain any further motions, or refusing to allow the Chapter to act upon such motions, if, in his judgment, the result would be either illegal or subversive of the harmony of the Chapter. Such action cannot be questioned or discussed by the Chapter, but the action of the High Priest is reviewable in the manner and by the tribunal provided for in the section of the Constitution referred to above."

They also reported:

"*Second.* The startling doctrine is laid down in the complaint that the Chapter has the absolute control and disposition of its funds; that if it so chooses it may appropriate its money for the payment of a demand, whether the Chapter owes it or not. Such is not the law. In the opinion of your Committee, the Chapter is only in the position of trustee in charge of its funds. It has no power to expend any portion thereof for any purpose except such as are warranted by Masonic law and custom. As to the disposition of Chapter funds, it may be stated, briefly, to consist in the payment of the ordinary expenses of the Chapter, and in the dispensation of charity and other strictly Masonic purposes."

To this also we subscribe in the main, but with the qualification that the payment of an unjust demand is not neces-

sarily beyond the powers of a Chapter. Why should it be? Is a Chapter bound to litigate?

The carefully written Report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of M. E. Grand Secretary Davies. It is a model abstract of the proceedings of forty-eight Grand Chapters, and contains much of interest to the craft which we would be glad to quote and comment upon were our space not so nearly exhausted.

Pennsylvania receives ample notice, four pages of fine type being devoted to a review of the proceedings of 1900, and the details of the transactions of the Annual and four Quarterly Communications being given. The Past Grand High Priest's jewel, adopted by the Grand Chapter and presented to the Past Grand High Priests at the Annual Communication, is described in detail; and this tribute is paid to the memory of our lamented Companion Africa:

"The Grand High Priest announced the death of M. E. Comp. J. Simpson Africa, the representative of the Grand Chapter of California near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Comp. Africa was also a member of the Committee on Correspondence. We join our Companions of Pennsylvania in their sorrow for the loss of a gifted member of the Fraternity, and with them in spirit deposit our sprig of acacia in memory of a good and devoted Mason."

Of the report of the Committee on Correspondence, Companion Davies fraternally remarks:

"We are pleased to find ourselves in harmony with our Pennsylvania Companions on the main questions of the day. For instance, we would not amend the cardinal virtues as taught by the fathers, by substituting prohibition for temperance. Nor would we incorporate a Lodge or Grand Lodge of Masons lest some sinner at some, to us inconvenient, time, might request our attendance in court with our books and papers to answer his complaint of expulsion from his property rights in being kicked out of the fraternity for gross unmasonic conduct. We are agreed in regard to dependent membership and everything except the closing

of the nineteenth century, and on that subject we respectfully ask for further time."

Grand High Priest, Samuel Hokins Wagener, San José; Grand Secretary, William A. Davies, San Francisco.

CANADA.

The Forty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Toronto, on Wednesday, January 23, 1901, seventy-three out of ninety-nine Chapters being represented. M. E. Grand Z. W. G. Reid presided. His address opens with a loyal and affectionate allusion to the great loss sustained by the British Empire in the death of Queen Victoria. This is followed by enthusiastic reference to the patriotic response of the Dominion of Canada to the call of the Mother Country for volunteers for service in the war in South Africa. We are pleased to note his statement that, although many members of the craft went out as volunteers, few, if any, are numbered among the fallen.

He reports that at no period in its history has the condition of the Grand Chapter of Canada been better or its prospects brighter, and, as gratifying evidence of renewed interest in Capitular Masonry, he mentions the revival of four out of five Chapters which had been considered practically dead. But the achievement of the year he considers to be, after many unavailing efforts, the persuasion of the Chapter at Nanaimo, British Columbia, long under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, to surrender its Scottish Charter and to apply for one under the Grand Chapter of Canada. One Scottish Chapter still remains in British Columbia—at Victoria—which has thus far declined to yield to the persuasions of

the Canadian Companions. But the Grand Z. expresses the hope that, with the example of the Nanaimo Chapter before it, this Chapter, too, may, within the year, seek shelter under the wings of the Canadian Grand Chapter.

The Grand Z. mentions a curious example of extreme ceremoniousness on the part of one of the Grand Superintendents. He was, at the previous Convocation, selected to preside over a Northern district, and, not having been present at the Convocation, he was promptly notified of his election. Nothing further was heard and he was supposed to be zealously at work in his district untl near the close of the year, when it appeared "that he had waited for eleven months for somebody to come and install him into office, as he considered it Masonic etiquette not to make the first advance in the matter." It is needless to say that his installation at that late day was forbidden, and his predecessor was requested to resume charge of the district for the remainder of the year.

The territory of the Grand Chapter of Canada is divided into seventeen districts, each presided over by a Grand Superintendent, who is annually elected, at the Annual Convocation, by the members of the Grand Chapter present at the Convocation from the district. These officers make reports of the condition of Capitular Masonry in their respective districts, treating of the condition of each Chapter, and accompanied by a tabular statement showing in detail many particulars relative to the meetings, membership, degrees conferred, annual dues, assets and liabilities, dues outstanding, amount of insurance carried, prospects of the Chapter and answering the question, "Can Ex. Z. work all the degrees?" These reports and tables are printed in full with the proceedings of the Grand Chapter—in the present volume covering sixty-three pages—and not only form a permanent record, but place before every member of the Grand Chapter the

condition in detail of each Chapter in the jurisdiction. Apart from the elective feature and the almost inevitable consequent rotation in office, we consider the system an excellent one.

An address to His Majesty, King Edward VII, expressive of the pronounced sorrow of the Companions of the Grand Chapter at the death of the Queen, and conveying assurances of their deep loyalty and devotion to His Majesty's person and crown, was moved and unanimously adopted.

Warrants to four Chapters and a dispensation to form a fifth were granted.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the vigorous and incisive pen of Companion Bennett, and contains many things to which we would like to refer. He thus opens his report:

> "After a careful review of the printed Proceedings of sister Grand Chapters received to date, your Committee is constrained to believe that the year has shown a decided advance. Not only have the ranks of the Royal Craft been swelled by numerous accessions, but the advance in sentiment and the desire for perfection in the knowledge acquired are so apparent that much of the material which the Correspondent was wont to fashion into subject for discussion is not to be found. This is notably prominent in the falling away of applications for decisions from the Chief Ruler, and leads one to reflect that the condition of affairs in the past must have been to some extent slightly mixed. . . . . If the absence of appeals for rulings is to be accepted as an indication of advancement in knowledge, then the closing period of the century may be regarded as the beginning of an era of enlightenment which prefigures a glorious future for the Royal Arch throughout the continent."

Companion Bennett is firm and outspoken in his opposition to the use of Masonic Lodge Rooms jointly with any other society, even though such society be a Chapter of the Eastern Star. We entirely agree with what he says under New Hampshire:

"We speak from experience and on the same authority can confidently state that where apartments were in the old land secured for the fraternity under the roof of a tavern, those rooms were closed to all else. In the pioneer days of this and the neighboring country, it was not infrequent to find the Masonic lodge room used on weekdays as a school room, and on Sundays accommodating those who assembled to worship God. The exigencies of the time necessitated this, just as in the days of the traveling warrants, naval and military, the most convenient, and not often very retired, place was utilized. We do not agree with Companion Wait, however, that in Masonry the exclusiveness of the Craft is 'a very modern idea,' especially in the lands whence we all came. As to the claim that the female relatives possess certain rights, there can be no question but that one of them is the right to assemble as an organization in a consecrated Masonic lodge room must remain open to discussion. Why have dedicating services at all? Why have Masonic Temples? There are in all large towns and cities society halls that might be had at far less expense. The opening of Masonic apartments to the outside world may have commenced with the kindly disposition of the Craftsman to the female relative. Where will it end? Here is an extract from a recent number of 'The Tyler,' which we commend to Companion Wait's kindly and courteous consideration: 'What would our Texas brother think of a sandwich of ritual and vaudeville? It seems incredible, does it not? And yet we read of an "unusually fine vaudeville entertainment" being given at a communication of St. Cecile Lodge in Brooklyn, N. Y. "The talent appeared between the sections of the first degree." How deeply impressed the candidate must have been with the solemnity and dignity of the Lodge and the beauties of Masonry!' "

Under Oregon he again returns to the Eastern Star, and what he says may have curious interest to our Pennsylvania Companions, who have as little acquaintance with the luminary mentioned as they have with the stars of the Southern Hemisphere:

"Not many moons have waned since a rare galaxy of those luminaries assembled in New York City for the purpose, as their summons would say, 'of transacting important business and election of officers.' The smiling, effusive greetings on the occasion, however, covered a seething volcano. All went 'merry as a marriage bell' until the election. Then rumblings were heard, and the lava of recrimination began to flow. The Oriental constellations were divided. Two of the fair ones aspired to the chair.

They were championed by their respective husbands, and the rest of the twinklers took sides. It was a hot time. The ballot box, so it was announced, declared for one lady, and when murmurs of angry protest arose, the box was promptly disarranged by a prompt kick administered by the successful lady's better half, and then——. But why proceed? It has been remarked just now that it was a hot time. It waxed hotter. Shocking to relate, the stars descended into the mundane atmosphere of the law courts, and, of course, being then public property, the 'horrid' newspapers possessed themselves of the sweet scented, spicy details and gave them by the column to a cold, unsympathetic world. Their contemporaries elsewhere naturally seized upon 'a good thing,' and thousands of profane readers over a vast territory winked merrily and smiled audibly."

Pennsylvania receives ample notice and the reviewer devotes two pages and a half to replying to Companion Henderson's question, "How does a brother become a Royal Arch Mason who has never been elected and installed Worshipful Master of his Lodge?" What he says is interesting, if not entirely new, and, but for the length of the passage, we should like to quote it with some comments.

Grand Z., William Gibson, Beamsville; Grand Scribe, E., George J. Bennett, Toronto.

COLORADO.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado was held in the Masonic Temple, at Denver, on Thursday, September 20, 1900. M. E. Grand High Priest Marshall H. Dean presided, and all the thirty-two Chapters were represented.

In his Annual Address the M. E. Grand High Priest reported the Royal Craft to be in a very prosperous condition, and that he was in a position to judge is shown by the fact that during the year he traveled over 3,000 miles in the discharge of his duties as Grand High Priest.

He further reported that he had refused to grant a dispensation to hold a public installation, and in this connection he made a few pertinent remarks, of which we entirely approve. He said:

"While not wishing to appear narrow or arbitrary, and having only the good of the Craft at heart, I refused to grant his request for a dispensation for a public installation. The public have no right or part in any of our ceremonies. Our institution is distinctively a secret society, and the members of the Blue Lodge as such have no more right or part in the ceremonies of the Chapter than has the profane to witness any of the ceremonies of the Blue Lodge. I do not believe that public installations are right, or that they should be allowed by the Masonic institution, and I sincerely trust that my successors in office will refuse to grant dispensations for the same, or, better still, that this Grand Chapter pass a resolution refusing to permit them."

The matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who approved the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest, but reported "that in their opinion it would be unwise for this Grand Chapter to take action by legislation or otherwise restrict in any way the prerogatives of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest."

Is not this too great tenderness for prerogative in a young jurisdiction? And why, if the Grand Chapter does not approve of public installations, would it be unwise to prohibit them by legislation? However, we concur with the M. E. Grand High Priest in the sincere hope that his successors in office will follow his excellent example and refuse all applications for dispensations of this kind.

He decided that the degrees of the Chapter cannot be conferred upon any one engaged in the saloon business.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence by Companion Ernest Le Neve Foster is an exceedingly well-written paper. It is full of interesting thought and comment, usually, in our judgment, entirely sound, but inviting

respectful attention, even when we do not entirely agree with it.

Pennsylvania receives ample notice, and in quoting Companion Henderson's remarks on public installations, the reviewer himself adds that, "though public installation has always been permitted by dispensation in this jurisdiction, to our mind it has been, to say the least, of very doubtful propriety." If its propriety is not clear, why not prohibit it?

An excellent feature of this report is the Digest, in which are given, under proper heads, alphabetically arranged, all the decisions of the various jurisdictions whose proceedings are reviewed. It is valuable as bringing together in form compact and easily read the mass of decisions made during the year, and it thus forms an excellent basis for the study of the comparative jurisprudence of Capitular Masonry for the period covered by it. Such study is not only highly interesting, but highly instructive, and we sincerely hope that Companion Foster will continue his Digest.

The volume is embellished with the portraits of M. E. Grand High Priest George W. Roe, Past Grand High Priests Ernest Le Neve Foster, Alphonse Adolph Burnand, George T. Campbell and Marshall H. Dean, and R. E. Grand Secretary Ed. C. Parmelee, and biographical sketches of these Companions are added.

Grand High Priest, George W. Roe, Pueblo; Grand Secretary, Ed. C. Parmelee (since deceased), Denver.

CONNECTICUT.

The One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of

New Haven, on Tuesday, May 14, 1901. M. E. Grand High Priest John L. Hill presided, and all the Chapters were represented.

In opening his Annual Address the M. E. Grand High Priest feelingly refers to the death of Past Grand High Priest Charles H. Chesebro, of whom a brief biographical sketch is given.

A curious state of affairs with respect to the visitation of Chapters appears to prevail in Connecticut. A certain number of Chapters are assigned to each of the four principal Grand Officers, but apparently the visitations are made only at the invitation of the Chapters. If no invitation is received, the Grand Officer does not visit, but contents himself with stating, in his annual report to the Grand Chapter, the reason for his failure to do so. That this course must be unsatisfactory is shown by the complaint of the Grand High Priest in his address. After speaking of his ill-health during a part of the year, he says:

> "Perhaps it was out of consideration for my infirmity that I received only two invitations out of the ten Chapters that I assigned myself. I am very sorry that the Chapters do not look upon this matter of receiving visitations more in the light of a duty. I consider that it is a duty they owe to themselves as well as an act of courtesy to this Grand Body."

And the Grand King and Grand Scribe both speak in their reports of the failure of the Chapters to extend the necessary invitations and their consequent failure to visit. Perhaps there is some reason for the Connecticut rule which we do not divine. But it does seem to us that if a Grand High Priest thinks a Chapter ought to be visited there should be no need to wait for an invitation.

The Grand High Priest was not pleased with the manner in which business was transacted at Cincinnati. He said:

"The business end of this session of the General Grand Chapter was not as well conducted as the one at Baltimore. It took nearly three days to transact the business which could have been done in a day and a half. It cannot be said that the festivities offered by Cincinnati interfered with the business session, but some of the chairmen of the various important committees failed to prepare their reports until the last moment."

A matter of curious interest is that relating to Palmer Chapter, No. 28, of Connecticut, but located at present at Westerly, R. I. It appears that the Masonic brethren at Westerly, on the border line between the two States, have beautiful rooms, which are occupied by a Lodge and a Chapter under the jurisdiction of Connecticut, and a Lodge and a Commandery under the jurisdiction of Rhode Island, the four bodies sharing the expense of the rooms under a twenty years' lease, only four years of which have expired. They all express themselves in a most decided way against any change of the present arrangement. But the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island appears to object to a Chapter being held within its limits under the authority of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. The Chapter protests that to be driven over the border line into Connecticut would mean the surrender of its Charter. What is to be done? Committees have been appointed by the two Grand Chapters, and we await with interest the result of their conference and reports.

The report on correspondence is again by Companion Barlow, who expresses himself with vigor and discrimination on a great variety of subjects. He is sound on the questions of "dependent membership" and "rushing candidates." He wonders—as do we—why the so-called Past Master's degree was ever placed in the Capitular system, but he thinks it would tend to confusion for one or two jurisdictions to remove it.

In answer to Companion Drummond's questions touching

dependent membership, "If a Companion is financially unable to pay his dues in all the bodies, ought he not to be allowed to select the one to which he will pay dues? Or must he give up the Commandery first and the Chapter next?" he says:

> "We are willing to admit that discipline for non-payment of dues is modern, as the necessity for dues did *not* exist among our ancient brethren, but at the present day lodges cannot be supported without them. As to the question of Brother Drummond, we would say, most emphatically, give up the so-called higher degrees first; if the brother can pay dues in only one body, let it be the lodge—that is the foundation—and no structure can long be sustained without such firm support."

Seven pages are devoted to reviewing the Pennsylvania proceedings for 1899 and 1900. The reviewer is, however, mistaken in saying that the Grand High Priest in 1899 decided "that a ballot must be taken upon the application of candidates even when the report of the Investigating Committee is favorable." What he *did* decide was, that, upon a favorable report of the Committee, a ballot *must be ordered* by the High Priest, and therefore a motion to ballot for the candidates is not only unnecessary, but improper, the decision turning upon the construction of a provision of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

He quotes liberally from Companion Henderson, including (under 1899) his statement of the Pennsylvania method of dealing with delinquents for non-payment of dues, his remarks on "cheap Masonry" and the attitude of our Grand Lodge toward the so-called "Cerneau Rite," and (under 1900) his remarks on the Arkansas regulation excluding saloonkeepers from Capitular Masonry.

The volume contains the portraits of Past Grand High Priests John L. Hill, Charles H. Chesebro and Asa Smith.

Grand High Priest, James Callan, Waterbury; Grand Secretary, James McCormick, Hartford.

DELAWARE.

The Thirty-third Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Delaware was held in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Wilmington, on January 16, 1901. All four Chapters comprised in the jurisdiction were represented, and M. E. Grand High Priest Harry Galbraith presided. In his Annual Address he reports that "Capitular Masonry in Delaware is steadily advancing in numbers," the gain for the year being thirty-four. He devotes a special head to "Rushing of Candidates through the Degrees," and makes the following remarks, in which we heartily concur:

"It is not unusual to hear a candidate for Masonry announce his intention of going to the top immediately, and inquiring the length of time to reach the Commandery. We are prone to yield to this impatience; in fact, to encourage it and help the candidate along in his eagerness; to lighten the burden of the examinations, and with special meetings, perhaps, to expedite the journey in 'limited express' fashion. In this haste the passage through the Chapter is especially rapid, and when the candidate does get to the top, he is very apt to imagine that he knows it all. This is a very great mistake. It is not surprising, under such circumstances, that the Commandery is the choice of the young recruit. The nodding plume, the martial step, and the exclusiveness of the situation surrounding him are very apt to make the top, as he terms it, his favorite of the Masonic bodies. A reasonably fair knowledge of the Chapter degrees is sure to engender a love and admiration for them, and I venture the assertion that there is not a Companion present whose attachment for the Chapter is lessened by his long and faithful services in the Capitular degrees, however much he may be interested in the work of any other branch of Masonry."

A "surprise of the evening was the presentation by Past Grand High Priest Jacob Mynich of the Proceedings of a preceding Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Delaware, January 19, 2348, A. D. 1818, to January 20, 2399, A. D. 1869. They were encased in a handsome rosewood

box duly inscribed." To these Proceedings we will refer a little further on.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Companion V. V. Harrison, who concisely reviews the proceedings of thirty-eight jurisdictions, including those of Pennsylvania for 1899. We forbear quotation or comment for want of space.

The present Grand Chapter of the State of Delaware was formed in 1868, and this, the thirty-third annual report, is of special interest to the Masonic student, because it contains the proceedings—so far as they are extant—of the former Grand Chapter from its organization, in 1817, to its last reported meeting, in 1859. There are gaps, however, between 1827 and 1832, 1833 and 1848, 1848 and 1850, 1850 and 1859, and after the last-named year there appear to have been no meetings until 1868, when the M. E. Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest elected in 1859, "both refused most positively to open the Grand Chapter," and a convention was held, nominally to "re-organize, resuscitate and set to work the Grand Chapter," but really to form a new Grand Chapter.

With the exception of a small pamphlet of fifteen pages, containing the records of the Grand Chapter covering the years 1817-18, it appears that these proceedings have heretofore never been printed. They are of special interest to the Craft in Pennsylvania, because of the connection between Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

It is well known that the earliest Masonic Lodges in Delaware received their warrants from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and a number of these Lodges appear upon the Register of our Grand Lodge as follows: No. 5, at Cantwell's Bridge (1765, the first Lodge warranted outside of Philadelphia); No. 14, at Newcastle and Christiana Ferry,

afterwards at Wilmington (1769); No. 44, at Duck Creek Cross-roads (1785); No. 63, at Lewis Town (1794), and No. 96, "The Delaware Hiram Lodge," at Newark (1802). Of the Lodges named, three, viz., Nos. 14, 33 and 96, united in 1806 with a Lodge holding its warrant from the Grand Lodge of Maryland (warranted 1792) in forming the Grand Lodge of Delaware. No. 5, at Cantwell's Bridge, remained in allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania until 1816, when it withdrew and gave its adhesion to the Grand Lodge of Delaware, the other Delaware Lodges of Pennsylvania constitution having become extinct prior to 1806.

It is also well known that, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it was held to be "the acknowledged right of all regularly warranted Lodges, so far as they have ability and numbers, to make Masons in the higher degrees"—particularly the Royal Arch degrees—and that, for the purpose of conferring this degree, Chapters were congregated under the authority of the Lodge warrants. It is no doubt true that in some cases, for want of a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons, Lodges did not avail themselves of this right. Usually, however, they did, and it is easy to see how, under the warrants of the Lodges which survived to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and probably also under those of some which had become extinct, Royal Arch Masonry was planted in Delaware under the direct authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

In the convention which met June 24, 1817, for the purpose of establishing a Grand Chapter, six Chapters were represented. Of these, three were clearly of Pennsylvania origin, viz., No. 1, Washington Chapter, of Wilmington; No. 2, of Newcastle, and No. 5, Washington Chapter, of Cantwell's Bridge. No. 4, Hope Chapter, of Laurel, was

probably of Maryland origin. Of the other two, No. 2, Temple Chapter, of Milford, and No. 7, Union Chapter, of Dover, we have no definite information, but it is not unlikely that the latter was the successor of a Chapter formerly held under the authority of the Pennsylvania warrant granted to Lodge No. 18, of Dover, which Lodge became extinct prior to 1806, and certainly after 1787, and probably after 1799, at which time it was still carried on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. At all events, it is not improbable that No. 7 included among its members some who had been made Royal Arch Masons under Pennsylvania authority.

At a subsequent meeting of the convention another Chapter appeared, viz., Hiram, No. 6, of Wilmington. The meeting places of the Lodges and Chapters of Delaware were in the early times shifted about a great deal, and we wonder whether this Hiram Chapter was an offshoot of "The Delaware Hiram Lodge," No. 96, warranted by Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1802 to be held at Newark.

Much remains to be said, but, for want of space, we can pursue this subject no further. We congratulate our Delaware Companions on the discovery of these old records, and we assure them that not only are "The Blue Hen's Chickens" near to us geographically and fraternally, but we are glad to trace with them a common origin of our Royal Arch Masonry.

The volume contains the portrait of M. E. Grand High Priest Joseph W. Row.

Grand High Priest, Joseph W. Row, Wilmington; Grand Secretary, James M. Price, Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Washington, on December 31, 1899, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Past Grand High Priest Isaac LaRue Johnson.

A Special Convocation was held April 5, 1900, for the purpose of "the exemplification of the Capitular degrees under the direction of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer and Committee on Work." All the degrees were exemplified to the satisfaction of the Grand High Priest and the Chairman of the Committee on Work.

A third Special Convocation was held October 4, 1900, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Past High Priest Jeremiah C. Allen.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation was held December 12, 1900. All the eleven Chapters were represented, and M. E. Grand High Priest William Barnum presided.

In his Annual Address the Grand High Priest reports that:

"The year has been one of quiet prosperity. All the constituent Chapters but one report a healthy growth, and in that single case the loss has been very slight, and the Chapter is so harmonious and enthusiastic that greater success is sure to come in the near future. The net gain in membership throughout the jurisdiction is 131, and the total membership at the end of the Capitular year is 2,451, the largest number ever on our rolls."

He reports having granted during the year four dispensations to advance the balloting for candidates ahead of the usual time, but he explains that in three of the cases the parties were about to leave the jurisdiction for an extended absence, and that "the fourth case was similar in its features."

His remarks upon the instruction of candidates and rapid

advancement deserve not only to be quoted, but to be read with attention. He says:

"I wish to take advantage of this occasion to urge the more thorough instruction of the candidates as they proceed in the Capitular degrees. The neglect of this duty usually arises from too great eagerness to advance the work of the Chapter. Whenever possible, a considerable interval should be allowed to occur in the conferring of the different degrees, and rarely, if ever, should a candidate receive more than one degree in a single day unless one of the degrees is that of Past Master. A practice has grown up—springing, no doubt, from a very commendable zeal on the part of the officers of the Chapters—of holding technically separate meetings on the same day, so that a candidate receives as many as three degrees—possibly four—in one evening. Only in very extraordinary emergencies should this occur. The rapid conferring of degrees must tend to confuse the candidate instead of impressing him with the beauty of the ritual and the force of its teachings, and he will be apt not to regard the Chapter with the interest it deserves. This is a matter which requires no legislation at this time, as the High Priests of the constituent Chapters can easily correct the evil by greater care in arranging the work at their meetings. While it is a laudable ambition for a High Priest to wish to report a large amount of work as done during his incumbency, it is far more important that the work should be well done. Neither the Chapter nor the candidate will suffer by a delay sufficient to allow instruction in the principal features of the degrees."

He records his dissent from the constitutional requirement that "before a Companion is installed as High Priest he shall present a certificate to the Grand Visitor and Lecturer that he is qualified to work all the degrees of the Chapter." He says:

"This precaution is not found necessary in any other Masonic body, and I believe it is derogatory to the dignity of the incoming High Priest and a reflection on the judgment of the Chapter that has chosen him that that officer's qualifications should be submitted to the inspection and decision of a subordinate officer of the Grand Chapter, or to any one whomsoever. I have known instances where men, who had been eminently successful in administering the affairs of other Masonic bodies, and who were excellent ritualists in those bodies, have declined advancement in their Chapters because they did not care to submit to this inspec-

tion. Furthermore, I have known men who were wretched ritualists, but splendid men of affairs, and who have presided over Lodges and Commanderies with signal ability and with great advantage to the bodies which had chosen them as leaders. A good memory is a valuable possession, but I believe we err in making it a *sine qua non* for the presiding officer of the Chapter."

All of which is quite plausible, and no doubt circumstances alter cases. But in our opinion it is by no means clear that the constitutional requirement is not, in the main, a wise one, for too much care cannot be taken that those who assume offices in Masonic bodies are thoroughly competent to perform the duties incumbent upon them. Of course, there are other qualifications necessary besides mere ability to render a ritual. But knowledge of the work and ability to perform it is one of the important things, and unless the circumstances are exceptional, should be insisted upon in the case of every one aspiring to preside over any Masonic body.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported in favor of recognizing the Grand Chapters of New Zealand and Victoria, and their report was adopted.

Special Committees reported memorials of the lives and Masonic services of Companions Past Grand High Priest Isaac LaRue Johnson and Jeremiah C. Allen.

There is no question which more constantly troubles the several Grand Chapters of this country than that of the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degree. One of the Chapters presented to the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia a request for the repeal of the standing resolution forbidding the use of substitutes. No action was taken except to refer the matter to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to report at the next Annual Convocation.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence

is by Grand Secretary A. W. Johnston, in consequence of the disability of the veteran correspondent, Companion Singleton, of whom the reviewer says:

"Our beloved Companion Singleton, though sensible of his failing strength, clung to the hope that he would be able to write the report until within two weeks of the Annual Convocation, when he realized the coming of that night 'when no man can work,' and relinquished to less competent hands the task which for many years had been to him a labor of love. The vital spark still lingers in the feeble frame, but the life-work of our dear Companion is finished. Paralyzed in body, but with undimmed mental vision, sustained by a firm trust in the Great I Am, he serenely awaits the great change."

We regret to record the fact that, since the writing of the above, Companion Singleton has passed away.

Of dependent membership the reviewer says:

"Though he may never need the ladder to climb down again by which he mounted, the degrees which a Companion must have taken before he became eligible to the Chapter were never intended as a horse-block to mount and ride away from. He is a poor Companion who loves not the means by which he rose."

And he thus defends the rule of no substitutes:

"In this jurisdiction the rule of 'no substitutes' prevails, and is no hardship, all the Chapters being within a radius of less than '10 miles square,' and borrowing and lending candidates being a convenient way of bridging over gaps. But for Chapters widely distant from each other it would seem that this might be a case where 'nice customs curtsey to great kings,' and great emergencies. 'Ancient landmarks' that have no stronger foundation than to make a symbolism more real might be waived where no real harm, and possibly a great deal of good, is done."

To those who oppose the use of substitutes two courses are open: 1st, to keep candidates waiting until the required quota can be made up, which in small Chapters may be a long time, or, 2d, to borrow from other Chapters—a course which, even where convenient, appears to us to be as inde-

fensible as the use of substitutes. But how about jurisdictions in which Chapters are widely scattered? What wonder that, where the rule is established, there is a constant outcry against it!

The Pennsylvania proceedings for 1899 receive due attention.

On making at sight the reporter says, in answer to criticisms of the course of the Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia in making Admiral Schley a Royal Arch Mason "at sight:"

> "It is a new doctrine to us that the prerogative of 'making at sight' is limited to Grand Masters and the Symbolic degrees, and we do not believe that M. E. Companion Bond, who is an able and conservative lawyer, would have ventured to exercise it without being well assured of his powers. The degrees of Masonry have, from time immemorial, been conferred 'at sight' on men who have rendered distinguished services to their country."

This is sound enough Pennsylvania doctrine; but assuming the prerogative to exist, it is certainly one which ought to be exercised but rarely.

Grand High Priest, Robert Armour, Washington; Grand Secretary, Arvine W. Johnston, Washington.

ENGLAND.

We have received three pamphlets containing the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England at three of the Quarterly Convocations during the year 1901.

A quarterly Convocation was held at Freemason's Hall, London, on Wednesday, February 6, 1901, E. Companion John Thornhill Morland, M. A., Grand Superintendent of Berks, presiding as Grand Z. The Acting Grand Z., while

referring feelingly but briefly to the great loss that had fallen not only upon Royal Arch Masons, but upon the Kingdom and the whole civilized world, in the death of Queen Victoria, said:

"I understand that it has been arranged that a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of England shall shortly be held to pass a vote of condolence and a loyal address to the Most Excellent First Grand Principal, who is now King. It is not expected that addresses should be passed by Masonic bodies to be presented to the King, but it will be left to Grand Lodge of England to express the feelings of the Masons of England and throughout the world. We should not, however, like it to pass to posterity that this meeting was held without some mention being made of the sad event which has overtaken us. Therefore I mention these few words, without putting any formal resolution, because I feel you would not like to separate without some reference being made in this Grand Chapter to the great loss we have sustained."

A charter was granted for a Chapter to be attached to Lodge No. 1817.

The Committee of General Purposes reported as follows:

"The Committee beg further to report that they have received from the Past First Principals and Companions of 'The Western Australian Royal Arch Chapter,' No. 1033, formerly attached to the 'Freemantle Lodge,' No. 1033, a petition, in which is stated that in consequence of the action taken by the District Grand Lodge of Western Australia, in declaring itself a Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the Chapter having consequently been severed from the Lodge to which it was attached, the Petitioners had taken active steps with a view to the formation of a Supreme Grand Chapter for Western Australia; and that at a meeting of the Chapter resolutions were carried, declaring such Chapter to be the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and declaring who should be the several Grand Principals; and resolving that Petition praying for recognition be adopted and forwarded through the First Principal of 'The Western Australian Royal Arch Chapter,' to the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England to recognize the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia as a regular and independent Sovereign body, having jurisdiction throughout the Colony of Western Australia, and that the Principals of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England would

be pleased to will and signify that it is not its intention to grant for the future any Warrant for a new Royal Arch Chapter in that jurisdiction.

"The Committee of General Purposes having very fully considered the Petition, recommend that the prayer be not granted."

And, in moving the adoption of the recommendation, the President of the Committee, E. Companion Sir Charles David Harris, made the following explanation:

"Most Excellent, it may be in the recollection of the Companions present, that at a meeting of Grand Lodge on the 7th of March, 1900, a resolution was passed recognizing and acknowledging as a Sovereign body the then newly-formed Grand Lodge of Western Australia. It had been represented to this Grand Lodge that all but one of the Lodges in Western Australia formerly under the English Constitution had joined the new Grand Lodge. It appears that at the date of recognition there was only one Royal Arch Chapter under the English Constitution in Western Australia. It was known as the Freemantle Chapter, and had been attached to the Freemantle Lodge, which was one of the Lodges which had joined the new Grand Lodge of Western Australia. The Lodge having seceded, the Chapter practically ceased to exist, or, at any rate, its existence was suspended until it could be attached to another Lodge under the English Constitution. It was under these circumstances that the Chapter determined to constitute itself into a Supreme Grand Chapter, and to ask the Supreme Grand Chapter of England to recognize it as such. In taking this step, the Chapter only followed the precedent of the Royal Arch Chapter meeting at the Turk's Head Tavern, London, which, in 1767, formally constituted itself into one of the Supreme Grand Chapters, which, at the Union in 1813, became the present Supreme Grand Chapter. The Committee have been advised by the Grand Registrar that it is not competent for a single Chapter to constitute itself into a Supreme Grand Chapter, and acting under his advice, they recommend that the prayer of the Petition be not granted."

And the Grand Registrar, E. Companion John Strachan, added the following:

"Most Excellent, I beg to second the proposition made by the President of the Committee of General Purposes. But in doing so I wish it to be distinctly understood that whatever advice I gave to the Committee was solely on the question of whether it was competent for a single

Chapter to constitute itself a Supreme Grand Chapter. I do not admit that when the Freemantle Lodge joined the new Grand Lodge the Chapter attached thereto ceased to exist, or was suspended, for if that were so the Chapter could not meet for any purpose, even to take steps for the formation of a Grand Chapter. Now, if there had been three or four or more Chapters in Western Australia, and they had resolved to form a Grand Chapter, their petition for recognition might well have been allowed, as was the petition from New Zealand at a recent Convocation. But a Supreme Grand Chapter is a representative body, and it must be apparent to every one that a single Chapter could represent nothing but itself, and its assumption of supremacy would therefore be absurd. Whatever may have been done in the early days of Arch Masonry in England it is now too late in the day to recognize a single Chapter as a Supreme Grand body. I understand that the Grand Chapters existing in Australia have refused to recognize this proposed new body; and that fact certainly strengthens me in seconding the proposition that the recognition prayed for be not granted by this Supreme Grand Chapter. I ought to say, before sitting down, that I have had the advantage of a conversation with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Western Australia since his return home, and he certainly disapproved of the step which had been taken by the Chapter, and fully supported the view that recognition could not be accorded. In the course of the conversation we discussed what might be done in the way of carrying on the work of Royal Arch Masonry in the Colony (for we are all agreed that it ought not to be allowed to fall through), and I think a *modus* will be arrived at in a short time."

The motion that the prayer of the petition be not granted was then carried unanimously.

As the foregoing is a matter of considerable interest, we have taken the liberty of quoting the proceedings in full.

A Quarterly Convocation was held on Wednesday, May 1, 1901. M. E. Companion The Rt. Hon. Wm. Wither Bramston Beach, M. P., Grand Superintendent for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, presided as Grand Z.

In accordance with the regulations of the Order, His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, having been elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, was declared Grand Z. of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and the following, having been appointed to similar

offices in the Grand Lodge, were declared officers of the Grand Chapter, as follows:

The Right Hon. The Earl of Amherst .....Pro Grand Z.
The Right Hon. The Earl of Warwick .....Grand H.
The Right Hon. William Wither Bramston Beach, M. P.....Grand J.
Edward Letchworth, F. S. A. .....Grand Scribe E.
Horace Brooks Marshall, M. A. .....Grand Treasurer.
John Strachan, K. C. .....Grand Registrar.

Four charters were granted for Chapters to be attached to Lodges.

A curious case of discipline arose. On the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Victoria, the Scribe E. of a Chapter in Jersey, after consultation with the Principals and other members of his Chapter, sent, through the Home Secretary, to His Majesty the King, a telegram in these words: "The Companions of Cesarée Chapter, 590, Royal Arch Masons, most respectfully beg to tender their heartfelt sympathy and condolence to His Majesty the King, Most Excellent Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of England." The fact that this telegram was dispatched having come through the newspapers to the knowledge of the Grand Superintendent of the Province of Jersey, inquiry was made and the Scribe E. replied assuming the responsibility and concluding: "If I have done anything contrary to the Constitutions of Masonry, I most willingly apologize, as it is always my will and intention to do that which is right." The Provincial Grand Superintendent, however, required the Scribe E. and the First Principal of the Chapter to present themselves before him, but being prevented by illness from attending, he delegated his authority to the Past Provincial Grand H., who met the Companions, and the minutes state that "the Companions having admitted the despatch on their responsibility, and through the medium of the Home Secretary, and

Companion Caton having stated that he assumed the entire responsibility for the appearance of the paragraphs in the local papers, it was held that there was an infraction of rule 218, Book of Constitutions. The Companions were admonished and ordered to insert the fact of such admonition and the reasons therefor in the minutes of La Cesarée Chapter, No. 590." The rule referred to is as follows: "The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, except through the Grand Secretary."

From this admonition the Scribe E. appealed, and in moving that the appeal be sustained and the admonition be removed, E. Companion John Strachan, Grand Registrar, said:

> "While it is desirable that all communications of the kind referring in any way to Masonry should go through the Grand Secretary, and almost invariably do so, I must point out, in a case where it is sought to establish a Masonic offence, and to penalize a member for infraction of a rule, that the telegram in question made no application to the Grand Master on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, and the rule could not, in strictness, be held to apply. I therefore beg to move that Comp. Caton's appeal be sustained and the admonition removed."

And the motion was carried.

A Quarterly Convocation was held on Wednesday, August 7, 1901, E. Companion Canon J. Studholme Brownrigg, M. A., Grand Superintendent for Buckinghamshire, presiding as Grand Z. The death of the Rt. Hon. William Wither Bramston Beach, M. P., Third Grand Principal (Grand J.) of the Supreme Grand Chapter, was announced, and fitting action was taken, in which it was stated that the deceased Companion "for upwards of fifty years had possessed in a marked degree the sincere respect and affectionate regard of the Order, whose best interests he had so entirely at heart and always did his utmost to promote."

Two charters were granted for Chapters to be attached to Lodges.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales held four Quarterly Communications in Mark Masons' Hall, London, on the following dates: September 1, 1900; December 4, 1900; March 5, 1901, and June 4, 1901; also a Special Grand Lodge on February 19, 1901. At all of these Convocations the Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master, presided.

At the September Communication the death of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, was announced, and a vote of "most respectful and fraternal sympathy and condolence with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales," was passed and ordered to be recorded in the minutes and a copy thereof forwarded to the Grand Master.

At the December Communication two Canadian Mark Lodges, viz., Victoria Lodge, No. 301, and Henniker Lodge, No. 314, both of Montreal, were erased from the roll, having sent in no returns, in the one case since 1890 and in the other since 1892.

The Master of a Mark Lodge who, through failure to be installed at the proper time, had not served a full term of twelve months as Worshipful Master, was, on recommendation of the General Board, confirmed in his rank and privileges of Past Master.

Viscount Dungarvan, having faithfully served as Deputy Grand Master during seven years ending June, 1900, was thanked by the Grand Lodge "for his valued and valuable services" and asked to accept the clothing of his rank.

His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, was nominated as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Special Grand Lodge held February 19, 1901, was called for the purposes, 1st, "of voting a loyal and dutiful address to His Majesty, the King, offering the respectful sympathy of this Grand Lodge and the members of the Mark Degree on the death of Her Late Majesty, Queen Victoria, and further presenting the respectful and sincere congratulations of this Grand Lodge to His Majesty on his accession to the Throne," and, 2d, to receive a communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The address was, of course, voted, and the communication of the Grand Master was the presentation of a letter from the King, in which he stated that, although he was "very sorry," he was "afraid he must now resign the office of Grand Master of Freemasons of the Mark Degree." He, however, expressed his willingness "to become the Patron of the Degree," which communication received the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

His Majesty, the King, being thus out of the question for the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, was nominated for that office, and a communication was read in which the latter signified his willingness to accept.

"'God Save the King' was then sung, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form."

At the Quarterly Communication in March His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Earl of Euston was reappointed Pro Grand Master.

At the Quarterly Communication in June, 1901, the General Board reported that they had been compelled to

"Seriously admonish the W. M. of a Lodge for having appointed a Brother to hold more than one regular office in the Lodge at one and the same time, contrary to the laws, custom and usages hitherto adopted in Mark Masonry."

The W. Master, however, "pleaded ignorance of the fact" that "where the Constitutions for the Mark and R. A. M. Degrees do not specially provide for any matter that may arise, the rules and regulations of the Craft have always been held to apply."

The Board therefore recommended:

"That this custom should be embodied in the Book of Constitutions, so that in the future direct attention should be called to the matter in the following rule. * * * 'In any matter not specifically dealt with in these Constitutions must be governed by the general rules of Masonry contained in the Book of Constitutions of Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, so far as such rules are not inconsistent with any of the regulations herein, and so far as they are applicable to the Mark degree.'"

In moving the adoption of this amendment to the Book of Constitutions, the President of the General Board explained that the rule thus proposed had always been held to prevail, but that in view of the fact that the W. M. of a Lodge had pleaded ignorance of it, it was deemed best to formally adopt it. The amendment was adopted.

A communication was received from the Grand Master-elect, stating that he would fix a day in October or November for his installation. He was, however, proclaimed, with all its titles, covering a half page. And the Pro Grand Master expressed the hope that he should see present at the installation "the largest assembly of Mark Masons ever gathered under the banner of this Grand Lodge."

It may be of interest to American lawyers to know that the present Lord Chancellor, the Earl of Halsbury, is Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall, while the son of his pre-

decessor, Lord Herschell, occupies the station of Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Mark Lodge.

M. W. J.

GEORGIA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Georgia (for this is the title in this State) met in the Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Macon, at 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, April 24, A. D. 1901, A. I. 2431, and was opened in Ample Form, and with prayer by the Rev. J. J. Hyman, Grand Chaplain.

The Companions of Georgia suffered a severe loss in the death of their M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Henry C. Burr, who died in the city of Atlanta, March 15, 1901.

Speaking of him, Comp. Henry Banks, Grand King and Acting Grand High Priest after his death, wrote as follows:

"Companion Burr was no ordinary man. He left the impress of his character upon the community in which he had lived a laborer for half a century, and was honored and esteemed by all who knew him. His zeal and devotion to the sublime principles of Freemasonry in all her different branches extends through many years of earnest effort and self-sacrifice in upbuilding fallen humanity and extending the beneficent sway of her glorious principles.

"He has written his character in the history of Georgia Masonry so plainly and forcefully that for years to come the coming generations of Georgia Masons will read and know his worth."

These are earnest words, full of loving sincerity, and picture the character of the man of whom they were written.

Character building, which is the true Mason's life work, though almost unconsciously carried on, leaves an impress upon others as surely as the creation of the architect stands a monument to his skill or failure.

If a noble edifice has been erected, its beauty will attract the onlooker and win a word of praise.

But Georgia's cup of sorrow was not yet full, for Right Excellent Comp. John P. Shannon, Deputy Grand High Priest, was called to his long home, September 17, 1900.

The acting Grand High Priest makes mention of the loss of sister Jurisdictions in a long list of Eminent Companions, among them being our own M. E. Companion J. Simpson Africa.

Georgia, while mourning for the dead, is taking her stand with the other jurisdictions in providing for the comfort of the living. Speaking of her Masonic Home, the Grand High Priest says in his report:

"It is with no small degree of pleasure that I report progress in the establishment of a home for indigent Masons, their widows and orphans by the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

"At the last Communication of that Grand Body one-half the surplus in the treasury now, and one-half the surplus that may hereafter be in the treasury at every annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, was set aside and appropriated for that purpose. No worthier object can enlist our efforts, no nobler cause call forth our prayers.

"I trust the day is not far distant when we shall witness the laying of the corner-stone and see the completion of this splendid monument to the sublime principles of Freemasonry, and with glad hearts our eyes shall behold the orphaned darlings of our departed brothers received under its fostering care, protected from the want and hardships of life and trained for useful, happy living."

An amendment to the Constitution was proposed providing that no dues shall be required by Grand Chapter from Subordinate Chapters for members whose dues have been remitted "on account of inability to pay the same."

If the amendment offered becomes a law, then the Grand Chapter of Georgia will assist in extending this form of Masonic relief.

We should like to quote from the very able reports from the Committee on Memorials, but space forbids.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter of Georgia is good. We gather this from the report of the Finance Committee.

There are 109 Chapters in Georgia, with a membership of 3,450.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of A. Morrill Lambdin.

Fifty jurisdictions are reviewed, and Pennsylvania for 1900 receives ample consideration.

Comp. Lambdin is evidently a close reader and observer, for he notes clearly and succinctly the doings of Pennsylvania's Grand Chapter.

He closes his report in the following words:

"In bringing this report to an end, whilst I am glad that the work has again been accomplished, yet so much pleasure has been derived that it is a little painful to cease for a while and rest until the time shall require the task to be taken up again. So until this shall occur we bow our adieu, with thanks to the 'Corps Reportorial' for the many welcomes given, and hope that this one now completed will not fail in receiving their approbation."

And we feel like saying: "Hail! Comp. Lambdin. May your quill never fail you and your years be many in which to wield it."

Henry Banks, M. E. Grand High Priest; W. A. Wolihin, R. E. Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois convened in the Masonic Temple, city of Chicago, on Thursday, the 24th day of October, A. D. 1901, A. I. 2431, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The proceedings of this jurisdiction come to us as usual in beautiful type and replete with interest. But this year there is an added attraction in the portrait of the one and only Gil. W. Barnard, R. E. Grand Secretary, with its holiday greeting. Permit us to offer our thanks.

An excellent picture of M. E. Grand High Priest Comp. Charles H. Patton faces the table of contents.

The retiring Grand High Priest, Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle, delivered his valedictory, from which we clip the following tribute to our late lamented President and Companion,

WILLIAM MCKINLEY:

"During the closing hours of our Capitular year the nation was startled by the sad intelligence of the assassination of our revered President, Bro. William McKinley. While this crime has shocked the world, and carried sorrow to many millions of the American people, it also possesses a special significance for us as Royal Arch Masons. Bro. McKinley was a member of the Royal Craft, respected and esteemed for his qualities as a Mason no less than as a man, and in his death the Masonic fraternity has suffered a distinct loss. Whatever may have been the varying estimates as to his qualities and abilities as a statesman, all must agree in pronouncing him a good and amiable man, and, in the meekness, resignation and Christian fortitude with which he met his tragic death, we see those traits of character that belong only to the truly great. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois honors his memory in death even as it did his person in life, and joins with the nation in placing upon his bier the funeral wreath of fraternity."

We also quote the following, anent Rituals, which to a Pennsylvanian and a Freemason sounds like rank heresy:

"The day of studious concealment and secrecy in Masonic matters has passed. Indeed, we have no secrets, in the proper signification of the word, and if every line of ritual and rubric were published to the world it would not in any way affect the standing, influence or usefulness of the Fraternity or any of its various bodies. On the other hand, there are many and cogent reasons why the work of the Chapter should be made as plain and intelligible as possible, and by the method which the Commit-

tee has employed I cannot but feel that they have rendered a great service in this respect."

The M. E. Grand High Priest, later on in his address, says:

"Upon my installation I stated that inasmuch as one of the traditional duties of a High Priest was to 'read and expound the law,' I would from time to time communicate to you some of my expositions. In pursuance of such promise I prepared a brief essay on the 'Book of the Law,' which has been sent to all of the High Priests as a possible aid in determining what the sacred writings of the Royal Arch traditions were, or might, or could have been. It is an original investigation in Biblical criticism on the lines of modern scholarship, and I offer it as my contribution to the general literature of the subject. I have, in an advanced state of preparation, a companion essay on the 'Omnific Word.' My other engagements have prevented its completion in time to publish during my term of office, but I hope, in the near future, should the project meet your approval, to be able to lay before you the fruits of my labors in this field.

"My object in the preparation of these tractata is to stimulate study and investigation on the part of the Companions; to induce them to extend their researches beyond the narrow confines of the ritual and to acquire better and broader views of our great and time-honored Fraternity. Companions of the Royal Arch, by a process of selection, are presumed to represent a higher degree of intellectual attainment than the Brethren of the Lodge; they deal with a more exalted phase of symbolism, and a higher type of philosophical thought. Their position implies a superior knowledge and they should be prepared to meet the demands that the less informed have a right to make."

This is as it should be. To dispense Masonic light and knowledge is one of the duties of the Most Excellent Master Mason. And all uninformed brethren may come to the fount of knowledge and partake.

Here again is the radical ground taken on the subject of districts and grand visitations:

"The present system of districting the jurisdiction has been in force for many years. It was experimental in its inception, has proved unsuccessful in its operation, and should be abandoned to make room for some method that promises better results. I recommend, therefore, that the present system of districts be abolished; that the Grand Officers be relieved from duty of official visitation; that the jurisdiction be divided into

a number of small districts with Chapters conveniently grouped for easy access; that an officer, to be called an Inspector, or such other name as may be deemed suitable, be placed in charge of each district, such officer to be appointed by and to represent the Grand High Priest, to whom he shall be directly accountable; that such Inspectors shall be required to visit the Chapters in their respective districts at least once a year, and at such other times as they may be directed by the Grand High Priest; that such visits shall be unannounced, except when the circumstances of the particular case shall render a different course necessary, and that on such occasions a thorough inspection of the books, properties, work and general condition of the Chapter be made and a report thereof at once transmitted to the Grand High Priest. It is believed that such visits, by a careful selection of inspectors and well-devised plan of districting, can be made without cost to Grand Chapter, but whenever an expense is necessarily incurred by reason of such visits the same may be audited by the Grand High Priest and paid from the Contingent Fund. This procedure will not in any way conflict with the present system of ceremonial visits by the Grand Officers, and will, in my opinion, tend to correct many of the irregularities that now prevail and promote the general interests of the Craft. I make this suggestion after conversing with several of our oldest and most experienced members and a review of the Committee reports for the past five years. It may not be the best plan that can be devised, but, if adopted, it will at least inaugurate a system that time and the wisdom of my successors may be able to perfect."

But with this view the Committee on Jurisprudence did not concur.

With reference to the subject of Masonic charities, we clip the following; the italics are ours:

"Four years ago your attention was called to a new channel for Masonic usefulness by M. E. Comp. Winslow, and a recommendation was made that Grand Chapter continue to display its interest in this line of Masonic 'work' by a contribution to the fund, then being raised, to endow a Home for Aged and Indigent Masons. The recommendation was renewed by M. E. Comp. Stoker, by M. E. Comp. Grimes, and finally by my immediate predecessor, M. E. Comp. Bowditch. The recommendation, in each instance, was referred to the Committee on Accounts and reported back adversely to Grand Chapter, in which report Grand Chapter concurred. The composition of the Committee was the same each year, consisting of three of our most esteemed Companions. It would be most presumptuous for me to question the wisdom of the members of

the Committee in the conclusions they reached, or the collective wisdom of Grand Chapter in its endorsement of such conclusions, and while all the sympathies of my soul go out to the project, which I believe to be wise, humane, charitable and just, yet I take it as a finality that Grand Chapter does not desire to extend financial aid to the enterprise. Therefore, I do not recommend that any appropriation be made therefor, but only wish to place myself on record with my illustrious predecessors in commendation of a movement that, in my opinion, appeals to the best and highest instincts of our nature.

"Nor should I have made this allusion were it not that Grand Chapter has been severely criticised, in some quarters, for its seeming illiberality. For the past eighteen years I have been actively conncted with all of the forms of organized Masonic charity of the jurisdiction. I have had many opportunities for observation, and, as a result, I have materially modified the views I formerly entertained with respect thereto. I do not agree with those brethren who insist that contribution to these charities is a Masonic duty. On the contrary, I maintain that no question of duty is involved. It is simply a matter of fraternal feeling, sympathy for the helpless, and the natural promptings of a kind heart. *The Mason's financial duty is fully discharged when he has paid his dues; the Chapter acquits itself of all financial obligation to the Craft when it makes its annual returns.* Grand Chapter has a right to say whether it will give or withhold, and no one has a right to question its course. If it chooses to give it simply adds another jewel to its royal diadem. If it chooses to refrain from giving that is its royal prerogative, and the motive that may have induced such forbearance is immaterial."

If this is so, what becomes of the lesson taught in the Mark Degree? Has the Mark no meaning? Shall the soliciting brother or the imploring widow be turned away with the words, "I have paid my dues," "and this is the sum of my financial duty." Such is not Freemasonry as taught in the State of Pennsylvania.

Pursuing our labors we come upon the "Book of the Law; an Inquiry Respecting the Nature and Characteristics of the Sacred Writings of the Royal Arch Traditions, by Geo. W. Warvelle, LL. D."

This scholarly work is replete with interest, and had we the space we would quote it entire. We must content our-

selves, however, with advising the student to procure a copy either of the paper itself or the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois for 1901.

Comp. John M. Pearson furnishes the Report on Correspondence, which is his sixteenth. He says: "We have examined all the volumes received, but have made but few comments." After all, is not this the true duty of the reviewer? We have been criticised for using the scissors and paste pot too freely. Our reason for so doing was to present that which differed from Pennsylvania methods, that the Companions of this jurisdiction might get a glimpse of how other jurisdictions worked. Comment is, however, desirable when it serves to accentuate that which has attracted attention.

Pennsylvania is fully reviewed in a kindly and appreciative manner, and we are honored by again having our words of conclusion quoted.

We reciprocate by quoting in full Comp. Pearson's conclusion, but, before doing so, take this occasion to express our sincere regret that he has decided to lay aside the reportorial pen.

We have always read Comp. Pearson's reports with pleasure, and have profited by his veteran knowledge. May the years be many that you will be spared to your family, your friends and the Royal Craft:

"In writing this report we have had the thought all along with us that it would be our last. We told the M. E. Grand High Priest and several Companions last October that such would be the case, and we had the pleasure of suggesting a most worthy successor. We had hoped to have had a full list of proceedings to pass upon, but miss three or four. For more than sixteen years these volumes have been received and read, and it has been to us a mine of Masonic truth, as well as a history of Masonic work.

"We resign the work with personal regret, but fully believe it is for the

best. The regret comes that we shall not see and know so well what is being thought and done among the Royal Craft, and then, too, the loss of the pleasant personal yearly exchange of ideas and news. A goodly number of our correspondents we have met twice each in Chicago and St. Louis and once each in Boston and Baltimore.

"We are glad to have known either through our work or face to face such Companions as Dadmun, Ogden, Harper, Pillans, Pierson, Jones, Hornor and Caswell and Bowen, two of them and others, all 'gone before.' There still remain on the field at work—plowing, sowing, reaping—such Companions as Drummond, *facile princeps*, dean of the corps; Barlow, Waite, Southgate, Schutz, Mayo, Savery and Swain, all of them our seniors in service—may they long continue the good work. Others there are whom we gladly remember and for whom our prayers will be offered for life, and health, and strength.

"So long as life and strength remain to us we hope to meet our Grand Chapter in yearly Convocation.

"For more than forty years we have been permitted to do this and a great privilege we esteem it to have been. I see in this hall but two Companions to whom such privilege has been given. I have long counted both as personal friends, and hope to meet them and you many times in coming years."

Comp. Charles H. Patton, M. E. Grand High Priest; Comp. Gilbert W. Barnard, R. E. Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Indian Territory held its Twelfth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, commencing Tuesday, April 23, 1901, A. I. 2431, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Grand High Priest Jonas A. Lee read his Annual Address.

He speaks feelingly of the dead of sister jurisdictions in the following words:

"Yet it is with a sad heart and tearful eye I turn to the lists furnished by our sister jurisdictions, and note the work of Father Time among some of the noblest men of our Order and nation. It has brought to me the most thoughtful and reflecting moments of my life. Those dark-bordered messengers that came to me every few days through the kindness of our

grand and beloved Secretary told the sad story of the uncertainty of this life. Without stopping to read, well you know the white-winged messenger of Death had entered the sanctum sanctorum, or Holy of Holies, somewhere, and plucked from our ranks, one known and esteemed, a Companion who was bound to us by the most solemn ties, another Royal Arch Mason gone to join the Grand Convocation where the Grand High Priest of the universe presides.

"Companions, let us so live that we may be able to meet that awful hour of loneliness without a shadow of fear."

After reciting the work done by him during his incumbency of the office he closes as follows:

"While I am ever thankful to you for placing me in this exalted position, where my light had to burn, be it ever so dim, praying it has cast no shadow upon a Companion's heart in this Grand Jurisdiction that would cause one moment of sad regret, I now bid you all a happy greeting at this, the opening meeting at the threshold of the twentieth century, asking that you forget not your Grand High Priest, who presided at the close of the nineteenth."

R. W. Alfred B. Price, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory near the M. E. Grand Chapter of New York, writes as follows:

"As your Representative, I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York, held in Albany last February, and was received with all the honors due the Grand Chapter of the Indian Territory. The Convocation was harmonious in its every action.

"The M. E. Grand High Priest, J. Harris Balston, desires me to send you his fraternal greeting with the wish that all your acts may be guided by that good will that ever should dwell within our borders, and that the welfare of the Royal Craft may be uppermost within you.

"The Companions throughout this State have derived much profit and pleasure from the visitations of the Grand High Priest and his associate officers to the various Chapters from time to time. These visitations have been well attended and the Companions much benefited. They will be continued during the present year.

"Thanking you for the honor conferred on me as your Representative, and hoping to always uphold the dignity of the Grand Chapter of the Indian Territory near the Grand Chapter of New York, as well as pro-

mote fraternal intercourse between these Grand Bodies and with the best wishes for a harmonious and fraternal meeting, I am,

"Yours fraternally,

"New York, April 15, 1901. ALFRED B. PRICE."

This is the first instance of the kind that has come to my personal notice and is well worthy of broad imitation. It is a recognition of an honor conferred and gives a *raison d'etre* for what is usually considered a perfunctory position of honor.

Indian Territory has thirty-one active Chapters and a membership as of December 31, 1900, of 1,133. The Treasurer has a balance and Capitular Masonry is flourishing.

Comp. J. S. Murrow presents the report on Foreign Correspondence, which is succinct. Under Indiana he says:

"We have a vague recollection of somebody calling us severely down, once upon a time, for saying the "Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indian Territory was opened in ample form," where we should have said 'AMPLE FORM.'"

Companion Simeon S. Johnson, Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, is in need of light, for he says in his review of Pennsylvania that the Grand Chapter was "opened in *ample form*, whatever that is."

As to the capitalization or the italics, it makes little difference, or even if the matter is set up in lower case no harm is done, as the words signify the opening according to the rank of the presiding officer.

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed. Comp. Murrow honors us by quoting entire our "conclusion," and we extend our thanks therefor.

Comp. Murrow, in closing his own report, thus feelingly alludes to those who have fallen from the ranks of the reportorial corps:

"Our heart mourns because of the death of so many of our faithful and beloved co-workers. To those upon whom have fallen the mantle of the departed, we extend a fraternal welcome.

"If it please God to continue us in service, we hope to lovingly greet one and all of 'the Guild' next year, and,

"'If any little word of ours can make one life the brighter,
If any little song of ours may make one heart the lighter;
God help us speak that little word, and take our bit of singing,
And drop it in some lonely vale to set the echoes ringing.

"'If any watchful thought of ours can make some work the stronger,
If any cheery smile of ours can make its brightness longer,
Then let us speak that word to-day, with tender eyes aglowing,
So God may grant some weary one shall reap from our glad sowing.'"

May your kindly wish come true.

M. E. William L. Eagleton, Grand High Priest; R. E. Joseph S. Murrow, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana assembled in its Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Indianapolis, at 2 o'clock p. m., on Wednesday, the 23d day of October, A. D. 1901, A. I. 2431, it being the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, 1901.

M. E. Renwick W. Crockett, Grand High Priest, read and presented his address and report, from which we clip the following admirable reference to the death of our late President:

"Before proceeding to render to you a report of my official acts, I deem it proper at this time to at least make brief mention of the deplorable calamity that has so recently befallen this nation in the assassination of Companion William McKinley, President of the United States of America. Never in the history of our beloved country has this nation been called to mourn the loss of so distinguished a personage. Scripture informs us that Joshua commanded the sun to stand, and the command

was obeyed. The whole world, out of respect for William McKinley, stood still on the day of his burial, the personage more than the office being the incentive. To be good is to be great. That he was good has been shown by the tribute paid his memory by the whole Christian world. That he was great has been acknowledged by the great rulers and wise men of the earth without a single exception. That proper mention may be made of his life and virtues and as a token of our respect and regard for our illustrious Companion, I recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare a suitable memorial to his memory, and that a page, with his picture engraved thereon, be set apart in our proceedings."

We note the following among the five decisions he was called upon to render:

"Peru Chapter, No. 62, asks:

"'A Companion was suspended for non-payment of dues; some months afterwards the Companion dies; has the Chapter any right to accept money from any source for payment of the delinquent dues of dead Companion?'

"Membership being wholly voluntary, restoration of a suspended member to his former standing in his Chapter can only be effected by a petition. The Chapter, therefore, would have no right to accept the money in payment of dues for which a Companion was suspended after the death of the suspended Companion; any action the Chapter might take after the death of a Companion could in no measure change his standing prior to his death."

As we see this matter, the inquiry is, "Has the Chapter any right to accept" the arrears of dues tendered by the relatives or friends of a suspended and dead R. A. Mason? The question does not involve the status of the Companion, unless Indiana law provides that the payment of delinquent dues *ipso facto* restores to membership. If this is not the law, and it is not the law in Pennsylvania, then the Chapter assuredly has the right to accept the money unconditionally and credit the delinquent's account therewith.

This is also the view of the Committee on Jurisprudence of Indiana, for we find further along in the proceedings their report, from which we clip the following:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence would report on the decisions of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest that we concur in the same, except that we hold unpaid dues are a valid claim against a Companion, and may be received from him, his estate, or from any one desiring to pay the same. In this connection it is proper to state that we understand the true inquiry made of the Grand High Priest was whether the payment of dues of a deceased suspended Mason could restore such Mason to good standing. For numerous reasons it is apparent that the ruling of the Grand High Priest is the law."

Companion Simeon S. Johnson presents the "Review of Correspondence." In opening he says:

"Following in the reportorial work two such eminent Companions as Past Grand High Priest Thomas B. Long, a man learned in Masonry, a student of its history, full of facts and law, and whose reports were everywhere recognized as most valuable; Past Grand High Priest Henry W. Mordhurst, the versatile writer, keen in perception of the weak points of his associates' reasoning, fearless in expression of his own views, and who announced in the opening of his report that he was going to give a little of the 'froth and foam,' what is there left except for the writer of this to present a review of proceedings, boiled down and condensed, of the doings of the following jurisdictions that have come to hand."

No apologies are needed. The review is a readable one, from which we have been able to glean a number of passages.

Under Louisiana, re resignation from office, he says:

"The Grand High Priest, nor no other officer, can authorize violation of law, and if an officer cannot dimit, then there is no vacancy, and no election necessary. If an officer can dimit, and undoubtedly he can, at any time, then the ruling of Grand High Priest and approval of committee is erroneous."

If the law in Louisiana is that an officer cannot resign his office, as is the law in Pennsylvania, then, as Comp. Johnson reasons, there could be no vacancy, and no election should be authorized.

Under Mississippi, upon the subject of conferring degrees on ministers of the Gospel for less than the regulation fee, he says:

"He [the High Priest] was asked in two instances if a minister of the Gospel could receive the degrees without payment of the fee, etc.; decided in the negative. *Correct.* It would seem that this sentimental leaning ought to come to an end—no class should be exempt from regulation."

Under North Carolina, speaking of the Grand High Priest's address, he says:

"Grand Chapter is out of debt, and, as a 'consequence,' he [the Grand High Priest] recommends that an annual appropriation of 'at least $25' be made to the Chairman of Committee on Correspondence. It seems the labors of this Chairman are not appreciated. This paltry sum for the work of presenting a report as is printed, and an appendix in their proceedings, is too insignificant to be mentioned. It ought to be $200."

We will now take from him the opportunity to say, as he might, when he learns that Pennsylvania's report is prepared without any compensation whatever, that our report "costs nothing and is worth what it costs."

Considerable space is devoted to Pennsylvania. He says interrogatively:

"'Annual Grand Communication' was held December 27, 1900. Thirty-two Chapters represented. Opened in *ample form,* whatever that is."

AMPLE FORM, *ample form* or simply ample form means practically the same thing. This wording is not peculiar to Pennsylvania jurisdiction. The Grand Chapter of Indian Territory and other jurisdictions make use of this expression.

Mackey, in his Encyclopædia, says: "In Masonry an official act is said to be done according to the rank of the person who does it, either in *ample form,* in *due form* or simply in *form.* Thus, when the Grand Lodge is opened by the Grand Master in person, it is said to be opened in *ample form;* when by the Deputy Grand Master, it is said to be in *due form;* when by any other qualified officer, it is said to be in *form.*"

The regulation in Pennsylvania is: When the Grand High

Priest opens the Grand Chapter, it is in *ample* form; when it is opened by the Grand King or the Grand Scribe, it is in *due* form; when opened by a Past Grand High Priest or other Companion, it is in *form* only.

We would like to extract the sting from the following, but like the traveling man's suit of clothes, "it is there all the same."

The M. E. Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania having said, "This Grand Chapter has long been known for its conservatism," Companion Johnson comments as follows:

"We are glad to know that this Grand Chapter is known for its 'conservatism,' as there are Royal Arch Masons who have all along called it 'stubbornness.' A wonderful condition. Reminds one of the *eleven* contrary jurors and the *one* who was right. It is a happy condition to be satisfied with yourself and to know the 'King can do no wrong.' "

Speaking of our report on foreign correspondence, he says:

"The principal trend of this report is to disagree with Indiana law and our way of doing things, and to read Companion Mordhurst a few lectures, as he is now out of reach. The missiles fall short. Companion Mordhurst was not fortunate in this. He failed to be impressed with all that was done in Pennsylvania, and more than that, said so, candidly and freely."

We think the punctuation of the above is at fault (more of our disagreement with Indiana). As we could not have known at the time our report was written that Comp. Mordhurst was to be "out of reach," we feel sure that a period, or at least a colon, should follow the word lectures, and that the period after reach should be removed and a lower case t be substituted for the capital T in The, so that the sentence would read, "As he is now out of reach, the missiles fall short." But my! my!! we never intended to disagree with Indiana law or its way of doing things. We have dear and

close relatives who are *Hoosiers*, and we would not throw missiles for fear of hurting some one we loved. As for Companion Mordhurst, he pitched into us, and we simply tried to set him right as to Pennsylvania. He didn't disagree with us and we didn't throw stones. We are truly sorry he got out of reach. But what better can we do now than quote Comp. Johnson's conclusion:

"We have reached the end of our labors. There are no disputed questions now pending. 'Perpetual Jurisdiction' and 'Physical Qualifications' seem to have ceased to agitate, and a season of quiet is pleasing, and with this we end."

So mote it be.

M. E. Simeon P. Gillett, Grand High Priest; R. E. Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa convened in its Forty-eighth Annual Convocation, in the hall of Davenport Chapter, No. 16, Royal Arch Masons, at Davenport, Iowa, the 5th day of September, A. D. 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Iowa Grand Chapter, through its Acting Grand High Priest and with the assistance of his Grand Officers, was opened in AMPLE FORM.

Companion C. W. Neal, on behalf of the Companions of the city of Davenport, addressed the Grand Chapter with words of welcome, from which we clip the following:

"While here every shrine of worship is open to you. At your alarm the veil at the portal of every Masonic home will be swept aside, and therein you will find all that 'your Mark' entitles you to."

Then follows this touching allusion to the death of Grand

High Priest N. B. Hyatt, whose portrait adorns this volume of proceedings:

"Most Excellent Sir, you are certainly well assured that the Brethren of this city and your Companions of Iowa are pleased to see you in health in the Grand Council to-day, and we know that you will pardon us when we call your attention to the fact that the draped and vacant chair reminds us that we expected to see the form of another Companion in the 'East of the Sanctuary'—one who has traveled all of life's rough and rugged road, whose weary feet came to the end of their toilsome journey at the 'east gate,' where, dropping the 'working tools' of this life forever, he looked out on a brighter and better world. There 'the angel of the Lord called him as from out of the burning bush.' Obeying the mandate which all must heed, he 'presented his work for inspection,' and is now enjoying the rest to which he is entitled, in that long, peaceful, dreamless sleep which knows no waking till the judgment day. We trust that he may hear from the Master the welcome words: 'This is good and true work. Well done, my faithful servant!' "

Companion Thomas B. Lacey, Acting Grand High Priest, responded to the address of welcome in a few well-chosen words, and, referring to his predecessor in office, said:

"He had written, corrected and returned to the printers his 'Report of My Doings as Your Grand High Priest' just a few days previous to his passing away, and which I now present to you as his last message to us."

From his hand, so soon to lie cold and lifeless in death, came the following touching allusions to the death of two of Iowa's distinguished Past Grand High Priests:

"Since the last session of this Grand Chapter two Past Grand High Priests of this jurisdiction have answered to the call to go up higher.

"Theodore Sutton Parvin, Grand High Priest of this jurisdiction in 1854, died at his home in Cedar Rapids, July 28, 1901. His death was not only a loss to the Masonic Craft of Iowa, but he will be mourned as one of the bright lights throughout the Masonic world.

"From the first announcement of his death I felt constrained to call upon some Companion to give to the death of so distinguished a citizen and Mason something more than the ordinary notice accorded to Past Grand Officers.

"Thomas Russell Ercanbrack, Grand High Priest of this jurisdiction in 1886-7, was born August 19, 1832, at Ephratah, Fulton County, New York, and died at Dubuque, Iowa, August 4, 1901. He was made a Master Mason at Peoria, Illinois, in 1860; subsequently he became a Royal Arch Mason, a Knight Templar, and a Shriner, but at this writing I am unable to obtain the time when or place where he received the several degrees. He has held many important positions in the several subordinate bodies during his residence at Anamosa, Iowa, and in 1895 was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, and held the position for one year."

As to the progress of the "Order," he says:

"At our last Convocation we congratulated ourselves upon the progress of the Order during the preceding year. If we had reason for congratulation at that time, still greater reason exists for congratulating ourselves at the present time. The reports of last year showed a net gain of three hundred and four, while the reports for the year ending December, 1900, show a net gain of three hundred and twenty-seven. The report of the Grand Secretary, giving in detail the number exalted, the number admitted, the number reinstated, as well as the items of decrease, are well worth the perusal of every member of the Grand Chapter. The total membership of the Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction December 31, 1900, was eight thousand two hundred and thirty-eight. With our rapid increase in membership, Iowa is coming to be recognized as the home of Royal Arch Masonry."

On the question of "dependent membership" he thus forcibly spoke:

"But I am unalterably of the opinion that the recommendation made at that time with respect to requiring members of Chapters to hold membership in a Blue Lodge should be adopted. I need not here repeat the reasons given at that time for its adoption, but I ask their consideration by the Committee on Jurisprudence."

And he thus concludes:

"If in the discharge of the duties intrusted to me I have merited your approbation, that approbation is ample compensation for all the hours of study and toil which the duties I assumed imposed upon me. I now surrender to you the trust with the consciousness of having done my best to serve you. Wherein I may have failed to come up to your highest

expectations, be assured that it was not from want of a disposition to faithfully serve you, but rather from want of ability to do so. I feel assured, however, that my successor will find the condition of the Craft throughout the State to be excellent. So far as I know, not a single strife exists within the jurisdiction, and it is the wish of your humble servant that it may ever remain so."

The Grand Secretary thus epitomizes Royal Arch Masonry in Iowa:

"The year 1900 has been more prosperous for Royal Arch Masonry in Iowa than many that have preceded it. More Chapters show exaltations and increase in membership, the net increase being three hundred and twenty-seven for the year, and gives the jurisdiction of Iowa a total membership of eight thousand two hundred and thirty-eight, December 31, A. D. 1900."

Past Grand High Priest Comp. W. F. Cleveland presented a valuable paper, entitled "Capitular Masonry in Iowa."

From it we are glad to make the following extracts:

"The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Iowa, composed of 126 constituent Chapters, embracing a membership of over eight thousand, stands seventh in size in the United States, being outranked only by New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio and Michigan."

Poor little Pennsylvania, with only its 18,049 members and second on the list as we read Drummond's statistics, appears to have escaped notice.

We learn that:

"In the organization of the Grand Chapter, and until 1869, the office of Deputy Grand High Priest was appointive, when grave doubts arose as to his rights and duties, especially in the event of the absence of the Grand High Priest from the Annual Convocation, whether he or the Grand Scribe should preside. This question was, however, settled in this year by making it an elective instead of appointive office, thus corresponding with the other Masonic bodies, except the Grand Lodge."

Then further along we find that:

"Up to 1855 the Council degrees of Royal and Select Master were

under the control of and were conferred in the subordinate Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction.

"The Grand Chapter having relinquished its control of these degrees, and several Councils of Royal and Select Masters having been organized within the State, a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Iowa was instituted in 1857, and thereafter assumed exclusive control of the Cryptic degrees, and held their annual assemblies at the same time and place as the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter until 1878, when the Grand Council surrendered its jurisdiction over these degrees to the Grand Chapter and dissolved its organization."

It seems that it used to be the custom in Iowa to elect the Grand High Priest to two terms of office, "but in 1884 the Grand Chapter, by resolution, disapproved of the re-election of any officer except the Grand Secretary, since which time one year has been the rule."

Of the history and growth of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund we learn the following interesting bit of history:

"The Grand Chapter Charity Fund, composed primarily of the sum of $220 refunded by the Masonic Relief Committee of Chicago, in 1872, and increased and augmented by an annual contribution of 5 per cent. of the gross annual income of the Grand Chapter, receives by law all funds of defunct Chapters. It has also been increased by donations and bequests. It is in charge of a board of five Trustees, named by the Grand Council. The contribution of 5 per cent. of the gross income of the Grand Chapter was increased to 10 per cent. by the adoption of the revised Constitution in 1891, but was reduced to 5 per cent. in 1900. The first Board of Trustees of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund was appointed in 1876, composed of Almon R. Dewey, Theodore S. Parvin, W. B. Langridge, H. W. Rothert and B. R. Sherman.

"This Fund has increased under the careful and judicious management of the Trustees, until in 1900 it amounted to over $11,000, which has enabled the Grand Chapter to make annual appropriations for all worthy cases of charity that have presented themselves for several years past.

"In 1896 the amount appropriated was $450; in 1897, $300; in 1898, $400; in 1899, $600; in 1900, $800.

"The good business judgment shown in the care of this Fund by the Board since its creation in 1876, and the immense amount of good it will be possible to do in the future, is certainly a just cause of pride to every Royal Arch Mason in the State.

"The good judgment exercised in the selection of the members of this Board cannot be too well commended. Of the originally appointed members, but one, Companion A. R. Dewey, remains. He has been its President since 1876, and to him, perhaps more than to any other one, is due the credit for its splendid condition. This Fund, if cherished and protected in the future as it has been in the past, will prove a lasting monument to our faith in the tenets of our Order, and will carry consolation to many sorrowing hearts in the hours of their affliction in the sweet name of charity.

"With these thoughts on charity we bring our brief sketch to a close, believing it to be the greatest of all virtues, and one without which our Masonic professions are as tinkling cymbal and sounding brass."

The Report on Correspondence is termed with pathetic sadness "A Voice from the Grave."

We learn from the advance note that:

"Most Excellent Companion T. R. Ercanbrack, the writer of this report, had finished his labors in the same happy vein with which he had sent forth previous reports, without premonition of the approaching end, but alas! he passed away without warning, on Sunday, August 4, after the copy had been placed in the hands of the printers."

Comp. Ercanbrack, with his usual vein of cheerfulness, thus opened his report:

"It is with joy and gladness that your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence appears before you with a report in his hand filled with good tidings and expressions of exultation. The moral status of the Capitular institution is still rising. Those entering the Royal Arch fold in all parts of the civilized world are the brightest and the best. Those of our Companions who are wrapping their robes about them and lying down to pleasant dreams leave splendid records of good deeds well done. They leave behind them on the sands of time such—

" 'Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
Some forlorn or shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, may take heart again.'

"The Committee invites those who have the time and patience to read the facts and figures on which the foregoing eulogy is founded."

We scan the pages of this report with that avidity one might feel who looks at the receding shores of his native land, hopeless of ever seeing them again. Alas! we never can see again the familiar and delightful review of our dead correspondent. His method was unique. His manner always was agreeable. Without egotism, he displayed great knowledge. Without cynicism, his pen was trenchant, and often with a quotation or an epigram he put *hors du combat* some aggressive opponent. His fund of poetical quotations was inexhaustible, and to have acquired this store required that he should be, as he was, an omnivorous and intelligent reader.

How happily he hits off a reply to Comp. John M. Pearson, who said of him:

"Most Excellent Companion Ercanbrack opens fire from his poetic battery with a whole page of shrapnel and shells, and continues the practice one hundred and twenty-seven times, with forty-nine Grand Bodies as targets, and he hits every time. Most Excellent Companion Stoker's address is assaulted and quite a large portion captured, and Companion McFatrich is worthily decorated with trophies of the dead, and Most Excellent Companion Munn is truly appreciated by the Grand Chapter which he represents, and Companions Cook and Goddard are not forgotten. Thanks, Companion Ercanbrack, for your keen eyes and graceful pen."

To this Comp. Ercanbrack replies by saying:

"We have read the above passage several times, and at each trial have a different view of it. On the last reading we are reminded of an epitaph we have somewhere seen:

" 'Underneath this crust
Lies the mouldering dust
Of Eleanor Batchelor Shoven,
Well versed in the arts
Of pies, custards, and tarts,
And the lucrative trade of the oven.

"'When she lived long enough
She made her last puff,
A puff her husband much praised.
And now she doth lie
And makes a dirt pie
In hope that her crust may be raised.'"

A report from Comp. Ercanbrack's pen was like a cool breeze blowing at the close of a hot, summer day—delightfully refreshing.

We linger over his report on Pennsylvania for 1900, which is full of quotation and brief, crisp fraternal comment.

He says of our report on Correspondence:

"It fell to the lot of Stockton Bates to write up Iowa for 1900. He did it as this review is done, mostly with shears.

"With sadness we note that one of the five reviewers, J. Simpson Africa, has passed the bourn. But the eloquent Michael William Jacobs is installed in his stead. 'The king is dead, long live the king.'

"'Men drop so fast, ere life midst stage we tread,
Few know so many friends alive as dead.'"

And now we come to his conclusion:

"There! is there an Iowa Companion who, after reading this report, does not point with pride to that sacred Arch on which is inscribed in golden text his cherished precept: 'Holiness to the Lord?' The whole world cannot exhibit a more advanced condition of civilization than that occupied by the fraternity of the Royal Arch. Companions, hold steadily fast to the faith you profess and the solemn obligations you have taken, and it will be well with you when—

"'The last trumpet's wondrous sound
Shall thro' the rending tombs rebound,
And wake the nations under ground.'"

Can any one doubt that it was "well with him" when the final summons came?

Comp. Thomas B. Lacey, M. E. Grand High Priest; Comp. Alf. Wingate, R. E. Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas convened in its Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of Wichita, Kansas, on Monday, February 18, A. D. 1901, A. I. 2431, at 3 o'clock p. m.

M. E. Grand High Priest Joseph W. Smith then proceeded to open the Grand Chapter in Ample Form after prayer led by the E. Grand Chaplain.

An excellent picture of Comp. Joseph W. Smith adorns this volume of proceedings. From his annual address we quote the opening sentences:

"In the dawn of the twentieth century we again meet in this our Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation, and it is with a feeling of deepest gratitude that I welcome you. Within the limits of this Grand Jurisdiction prosperity prevails, and among the Royal Craft perfect peace and harmony abound. Throughout the length and breadth of our noble country there is a feeling of rest and security, and the most prosperous conditions exist. After the tumults of war, a reaction is upon us, and the quiet arts of peace are in full sway. Under such auspicious circumstances it is but fitting that we pause for a moment to offer up thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, whose watchful care has brought us safely through the trials and misfortunes of the year just drawn to a close, and whose generous hand has bestowed such blessings upon us."

Kansas lost by death two of her Past Grand High Priests: M. E. Comp. Silas Elam Sheldon, Grand High Priest, 1881, and M. E. Comp. Moses Sawin Adams, Grand High Priest, 1878.

Of the condition of the Craft the M. E. Grand High Priest says:

"I am pleased to report that Capitular Masonry is in a healthy and prosperous condition throughout the State, and while the work during the year does not quite come up to the standard of our expectation, yet the returns forwarded to the Grand Secretary show a fair increase in membership during the year. Some of our Chapters have done good

work, while others have done but little, yet upon the whole the results are quite satisfactory."

No decisions were called for, but several questions were satisfactorily answered by reference to the law or to decisions in force.

The same old cry comes up as to the failure to make the anticipated number of official visits, with the same old excuse offered—"press of business."

The address closes with this graceful compliment to the R. E. Grand Secretary:

"And now, my Companions, the sixth day of the week has drawn to a close, the record of another year is made, and I shall soon step aside and vacate my station to the Companion whom you may choose to sit in the East of the Sanctuary; but before vacating my station I desire to thank the good Companions who have so kindly and generously assisted me during the year; and I desire especially to express my heartfelt thanks to our efficient R. E. Grand Secretary, whose many acts of courtesy have materially lessened the burdens of my office."

The Treasurer reports a comfortable balance of $3,290.30.

R. E. William M. Shaver, Grand Secretary, reports on the work of the year that:

"On the whole, the work of the past year presents ground for encouragement. The enrollment one year ago, on December 31, 1899, was 5,204; this year the total membership is 5,343, a net increase of 139, and being an increase of 113.8 per cent. over the net growth of the year of 1899. We have eighty Chapters on our roll, one less than last year, Osage Chapter, No. 46, of Osage City, having grown weary in the "great and glorious work," and surrendered its charter. Fifty-two Chapters have exalted 338 Companions, and sixty-two Chapters have conferred 1,363 degrees. Eighteen Chapters have done no work, and twenty-eight have failed to exalt a Companion. Forty-nine Chapters have increased in membership, five have held their own, and twenty-six have lost in membership."

As to membership in defunct Chapters, he has this to say:

"My attention has been attracted several times during the past year to the peculiar conditions surrounding the membership of a defunct Chapter.

Under our law at present, when the charter or warrant of a Chapter is surrendered or revoked, all of its members who are in good standing retain such status without further action on their part. They may visit where they please, with equal privileges of other visitors; they are not required to contribute anything toward the support of Capitular Masonry; they may have been in arrears to their Chapter for five or ten years' dues when its charter was revoked, but there is no provision by which payment of such arrears can be enforced other than the provision requiring payment of such arrears before a Grand Secretary's certificate (equivalent to a dimit) can be issued. To the selfish Companion this condition is preferable to membership in a live Chapter."

From the report of M. E. Matthew M. Miller, of the Committee on Necrology, we clip the following excellent sentiments:

"If our performance has squared with Masonic profession—if our belief in GOD and our hope in immortality have been something more than mere intellectual acquiescence; if our charity for mankind has been an actuating, permeating influence in our lives; if finally we have overcome the dread of death, and in His presence can say: 'O Death, where is thy sting, O Grave, where is thy victory?'—then has the 'dawn immortal' shined in our souls, and we are ready to welcome the last conqueror as a kind messenger sent to translate us to a future home where all is light and life and peace."

"Friend Death! the toil, the fret of traffic's soulless marts,
The chaffering of men for selfish betterment,
Their strifes, their cruelties, their curses and their crimes,
Make life one hideous orgie, to escape from which,
How gladly would I come to thee.

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With base imaginations, men have pictured thee
In man's frail relics, setting up his skeleton
Of fleshless bones and glowering skull to image thee.
Ah, viewless angel! unto me no awful form
Is thine.

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And thou, who severest the dearest earthly ties,
Shall men revile thee? Know they not, thou dost but serve
One infinite in love, in knowledge and in power?

No truer friend hath all mankind. A touch, and all
Of woe we suffer here will cease and peacefully,
As if in sleep, our eyes will close. Earth's sufferings
Cannot invade thy realm. Thy Master and our God,
Who doeth all things well, hath need of thee to lead
His shrinking children from the ills they suffer here."

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Wm. M. Shaver, who says of it:

"This 'biennial' review is completed—and we are glad of it. It has been largely the work of odd moments, and much of it has been written at night, after a hard day's work of trying mental labor, and when the brain was far too weary to enjoy plodding through proceedings for review. The result shows it. However, the work had to be performed in that way, and had to be presented in this form, and it is useless to apologize.

"We trust it may prove not entirely unacceptable; and next year we will try to do better."

But he does himself a wrong, for his report, which covers nearly 147 pages and required the reading of ninety-two issues of proceedings, is ably put together. We have marked for quotation a number of passages under different jurisdictions, and this leads us, in a somewhat similar vein of self-condemnation, to exclaim:

"Blest be the shears whose dual blades
Of toilsome work a pleasure make;
And thou, O paste pot! blest twin aids!
What would we do if you should break?"

Under Canada re "dependent" membership our scissors and paste pot enable us to give this readable extract:

"We have never been able to perceive the logic in that sort of reasoning. We do not believe in 'compulsory' membership, but we do believe in 'dependent' membership. In our Kansas Chapters the Companions come in of their own 'free will and accord,' and they can go out in the same way. But we do say that if it is right to require affiliation in lodge as a 'condition precedent' to Capitular membership, it is a good

'condition' to continue. We might just as well talk about 'compulsory' religion, or 'compulsory' morality, or 'compulsory' good Masonic standing, because we require these 'conditions *precedent*' in a Capitular candidate, and also insist that these conditions shall *continue* during Chapter membership, as to talk about dependent membership provisions interfering with a Companion's free will. We all agree that the Chapter member must keep his Masonic standing good, and not permit himself to be suspended or expelled in the Lodge. Is this iniquitous 'compulsion?' Where is the distinction between such a requirement and the one which says he shall keep his Lodge 'affiliation' as intact as his 'good standing' in Lodge Masonry? We fail to see any. In Kansas we believe that the Masonic Institution is one harmonious whole throughout the ever advancing degrees of light, and we never saw a very successful second or third story of a building with the foundation missing."

Good!

Re "solicitation" we give this sensible expression of opinion:

"We think the above is subject to some modification. We do not believe that the same rule of prohibition as to solicitation should apply to advancement in the Masonic bodies that applies to the petition from the profane. We never open the subject of Masonic initiation to the profane, but we never hesitate to present the claims of Chapter, Council, Commandery, or Scottish Rite, to the intelligent worthy Mason. We fully believe that every step taken in Masonry should be of the candidate's 'free will and accord,' and be based upon a favorable conception formed of the Institution, but he who has knelt at our sacred altar and prayed for light is not on the same plane with him who is without the pale of the Masonic family and has shown no desire to woo truth."

We like Comp. Shaver's method of condensation, as witness this re our own jurisdiction:

"Pennsylvania—1899.

104th year. Philadelphia.

Quarterly Communications of March 2, June 8, September 7, December 7, 1899, and Annual Communcation of December 27, 1899.

123 Chapters, 18,049 members. Net gain, 590.

3 Mark Lodges, 873 members. Net loss, 41.

Michael William Jacobs, Harrisburg, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Charles Cary, Philadelphia, M. E. Grand Secretary."

Now, the above facts are well epitomized.
He says:

"The annual address of the Grand High Priest is interesting reading, although, owing to the 'peculiarities' of 'Pennsylvania Masonry,' it presents very little of practical value for our review."

Re the subject of "rituals" he says:

"We work on the same principle in Grand Lodge in Kansas (as in Pennsylvania), so far as cipher rituals are concerned, and yet nearly every Lodge worker has his private cipher, more or less correct, purchased from some commercial trafficker in rituals, and we are skeptical enough to believe that the same state of affairs exists in Pennsylvania and the country over. How much better for a Grand Body to open its eyes to the necessary evil, and control it by furnishing a correct cipher to its workers under proper restrictions, thus driving out dangerous and incorrect works and the commercial dealers therein."

From a somewhat extended and varied acquaintance with the membership of the fraternity in Pennsylvania, we feel confident that no form of printed ritual is in use here. Our means of disseminating Masonic light and knowledge through our excellent schools of instruction are so widespread and thorough, and our oversight of the Craft through our system of District Deputies is so exacting that recourse to a printed ritual is unnecessary and would not be tolerated.

M. E. Charles J. Webb, Grand High Priest; R. E. William M. Shaver, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY—1900.

On opening this volume of proceedings, the first thing that attracts our attention is that the Grand Chapter of Kentucky is an incorporated body. The articles of incorporation follow:

"1. William G. Spencer, (Acting) Grand High Priest, of Lebanon; Hal T. Jefferson, Grand King, of Louisville; Edward C. Sellers, Grand Scribe, of Covington; Frank H. Johnson, Grand Treasurer, of Frankfort; and Henry B. Grant, Grand Secretary, of Louisville—all being Royal Arch Masons of the State of Kentucky, have associated together under the statutes thereof as a corporation, and that all their powers shall pass to their successors in office, namely, the Grand High Priests, Grand Kings, Grand Scribes, Grand Treasurers and Grand Secretaries that shall, from time to time, be elected and installed by such corporation.

"2. The membership of such corporation shall always consist of Royal Arch Masons and it shall be styled 'The Grand Chapter of Kentucky.'

"3. The affairs of said corporation shall be conducted, as heretofore, at its Convocations and through its officers and committees, elected and appointed annually in October, or as may be provided in its constitution and regulations.

"4. The principal place of business of said corporation shall be in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

"5. Its objects are: The encouragement and promotion of works of charity, inculcation of morals and diffusion of the knowledge and practice of Masonic principles.

"6. It may acquire, hold and convey real and personal property, conduct its business as a natural person and adopt a constitution and regulations and change the same according to its own laws and the usages of the Masonic Craft—but its present constitution and regulations shall be in force until the same are changed according to the provisions thereof.

"7. It may establish subordinate Chapters and discontinue the same, and whenever any of such Chapters become defunct from any cause, its property of every kind, whether real, personal or mixed, at once shall become the property, in fee simple, of the said Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

"8. The corporation, being purely benevolent and charitable, will have no capital stock or stockholders.

"9. Its business, as now established, shall commence at once and be perpetual.

"10. The highest amount of indebtedness of the corporation, at any time, shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.

"11. Private property of members shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts.

"(Recorded in 'Corporation Book' No. 11, page 118, Jefferson County Clerk's Office. Filed in the office of the Secretary of State, August 25, 1900.)"

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, held its Annual Convocation in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Louisville, Kentucky, commencing Tuesday, October 16, 1900, A. Inv. 2430, at 7.30 o'clock p. m., and was opened in due form.

M. E. (Acting) Grand High Priest Hal. T. Jefferson presented the annual address. We quote the opening:

"As we assemble again in Annual Convocation, we are reminded of the changes which may occur in a short time. Only two years ago I occupied a place on the floor of this Grand Body, little thinking of an office, and now I am called upon to preside over it as the Acting Grand High Priest. Some of those who were officers then have removed to other jurisdictions, and some have passed to the Great Beyond. It is not my purpose to make you an address, the cause of which you will readily understand. At your last Convocation I was elected Grand King, and served in that capacity until about three weeks ago. The Grand High Priest, our honored Companion, the late J. Speed Smith, filled the office until the time of his death, which occurred in February of this year. The duties of the office were then administered by the Deputy Grand High Priest until some time in September, when he informed me that he would possibly be absent from the State for some time, and requested that I fill the office temporarily. Neither the late Grand High Priest nor the Deputy Grand High Priest informed me of his official acts, nor did any of the papers relating to the same come into my hands until a few days ago, too late to permit of their examination, therefore it is impossible for me to report to you just what was done by either of them. Knowing the intimate relations which must necessarily exist between the Grand High Priest, or the Acting Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary, I have requested our worthy Secretary to embody in his report just such matters as demand attention at this Convocation, both those which have been consummated and those which require action of this Grand Body."

Comp. H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary, in his report, says:

"M. E. Comp. John Speed Smith, our Grand High Priest, died at his home in Richmond, Ky., after a protracted illness, February 7, 1900, and was buried with the honors of Masonry February 10th. It was my mournful privilege to attend his funeral as proxy of the Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest, and as your representative, carrying with me a floral tribute in the shape of a Keystone, emblemizing the completion of

his life's labors and the hope that their usefulness will bloom in eternal happiness."

Past Grand High Priest James W. Staton, for the Committee on Necrology, speaking of the death of Companion Smith, says:

"In searching the records of the Grand Lodge we find the first appearance of his name in the returns of Waco Lodge, No. 338, Madison County, Kentucky, in the year 1868. From this Lodge he demitted December 24, 1881, and was admitted to Richmond Lodge, No. 25, January 23, 1883, and in which Lodge he held membership continuously to the day of his death. In December, 1886, he was elected Master without ever having passed the Warden's Chair. At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in October, 1892, he was elected Grand Master, which is the only instance known to the Committee in which the father and son, both bearing the same name, have been elected to this exalted position."

Pennsylvania has a similar case in Past Grand High Priest Michael Nisbet, 1824-1825, and his son, Michael Nisbet, 1870-1871, and another nearly the same.

Samuel H. Perkins was Grand High Priest, 1832-1833; his son, Samuel C. Perkins, was Grand High Priest, 1866-1867.

Michael Nisbet was also Grand Master in 1831-32.

Michael Nisbet (his son) was Grand Master in 1879-80.

Samuel H. Perkins was Grand Master in 1839-40.

Samuel C. Perkins (his son) was Grand Master in 1872-73.

Comp. James W. Staton, P. G. H. P., presents the report on Fraternal Correspondence. He says:

"We begin our thirteenth Annual Report on Correspondence. We hope to have a complete file of the proceedings for review before we close. We will tell the Royal Craft of Kentucky all we find of interest in each pamphlet in as few words as we can command. We will pursue the alphabetical order as close as we can, but will not wait on any one, for, if spared, we intend to have our report complete and in print before the meeting of the Grand Chapter in October."

Re the "intoxicating liquor" question and the provision

suggested by the Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas to the effect:

"That hereafter no person who is engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be eligible to hold an office in a Subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction."

He says:

"It seems to us that the word 'hereafter' should also apply to membership as well as office. Further on a resolution was offered, not only forbidding Chapters from conferring degrees on persons engaged in selling intoxicating liquors, but also requiring those engaged in the business to get out by January 1, 1901, under penalty of being charged with un-Masonic conduct. That is about the right ring, and we endorse it without any hesitation whatever."

This is logically correct, for a member is entitled to "all the rights and privileges," and could not justly be debarred.

If one is worthy to become a member there should be no restrictions on his rights by reason of special legislation.

But is it not unwise to enact this kind of class legislation? The "I am better than thou" principle has no place in Freemasonry. Character and fitness can well be left to the committees. Such drastic legislation as is above proposed would keep out druggists and many "good men and true."

Pennsylvania for 1899 is fully reviewed.

He says:

"The annual address of the Grand High Priest (Comp. Michael W. Jacobs) is a thoughtful and well-jointed paper, embracing fifteen pages of large-face type."

From his conclusion we quote the following calm and thoughtful lines:

"After handling the large pile of proceedings dumped on our table from which to cull and prepare the Report on Correspondence for the year 1900, we are compelled to close without Connecticut, New Brunswick and Nova

Scotia. Our report was completed two months ago, except the 'Conclusion' and the Index to the Report, but we have held it open to hear from the three delinquents, but now we are compelled to close without them.

"Capitular Masonry seems to be on the upward tendency, being an increase in membership in all the jurisdictions except one or two. We are glad to be able to report that there is a fair increase in Kentucky since last report, and the tendency seems to be fair for a further increase in the future. We confidently expect such a result, because the Grand Chapter has at its head a young man of fine ability, full of energy, and if he fails to make Capitular Masonry a fine success in Kentucky in the coming year we are satisfied it will not be his fault, but the fault will lie with those whose duty it will be to sustain him.

"There are no new questions at issue, and the old ones have about all the grain threshed out of that straw.

"We are grateful for the continued confidence reposed in us year after year by the Grand High Priests, together with the encouraging words of quite a number of our Companions; and also for the continued kindness extended by our brother reporters, and to each and all we wish them prosperity in this life, and an abundant entrance into the life to come, when they shall have shuffled off this mortal coil."

For your fraternal good wishes, many thanks.

M. E. Hal. T. Jefferson, Grand High Priest; R. E. Henry B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY—1901.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, held its Annual Convocation in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Tuesday, October 15, 1901, A. I. 2431, and was opened in Ample Form on the Royal Arch degree at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

M. E. Hal. T. Jefferson, Grand High Priest, delivered the annual address.

We quote the following decisions:

"*Held*—That the petition of a fellow-craft, not having received the Master Mason's degree, cannot be entertained by a Chapter, although the Brother expected to be raised a day or two before the Chapter met to ballot on the petition.

"A curious case came to my knowledge. A Chapter Past Master, by mistake, was one of a team in the Royal Arch Degree, but was stopped and my decision asked. I decided that he might be 'healed' in the Most Excellent Master's Degree and its features explained to him. Then he might continue with the Royal Arch Degree, holding this, under the circumstances, to be analogous to Section 40, Article III, Constitution General Grand Chapter.

"*Held*—That a by-law providing for the appointment of officers below the Secretary is analogous to Article I, Section 6, Constitution of this Grand Chapter, therefore legal. Indeed, as the Grand Lodge requires Lodges to be governed in their elections by the regulations and usages of that body, and Article VIII, Section 13, of our Constitution, states that Grand Lodge rules govern when applicable, in the absence of specific rules by the Grand Chapter, I am inclined to the opinion that the officers above referred to should be appointed and not elected.

"The question was asked me can the Chapter Past Master's ritual be used in conferring the Past Master's Degree in a Symbolic Lodge?

"*Held*—The Grand Lodge alone has jurisdiction over Symbolic Lodge, deciding what can be used in it, and that the ritual and ceremonies of the Chapter Past Master cannot be used outside of the regular Lodge of Chapter Past Masters."

The Treasurer reports the resources of the Grand Chapter to be $6,471.94.

Again we come to the report on Fraternal Correspondence. It is from the familiar pen of P. G. H. P. Comp. James W. Staton.

This is his breezy opening:

"On this pleasant May day we begin our Fourteenth Annual Report. We have a very good start in proceedings, and hope to have a full list before the time arrives to close the report. We will, as usual, cull from the proceedings which may come to our table such matter as we shall conclude to be interesting to our readers. The report will be prepared in the usual form. Here goes a beginning."

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed in about three pages of solid matter. All the salient points are touched upon in a most kindly spirit. He calls the in memoriam of Comp.

Edgar A. Tennis to our late co-laborer, Comp. J. Simpson Africa, "a most beautiful tribute."

Of our correspondence report he says:

"The report throughout is good, and we would like to notice it more."

From his conclusion we extract the following:

"There seems to have been a general forward move along the Capitular line. In our own beloved Commonwealth all the Bodies have done an immense amount of work, and the Chapters have had their proportionate share. Now, if Grand Chapter will only follow up the advantages obtained, and furnish a well-equipped Grand Lecturer, there will be a healthy growth continually in that branch of Masonry, and the same can be said of the Lodge and Council if they will adopt the same means. But will Grand Chapter do it, that's the question? If it does not, then we may look for a retrograde movement in a short time. We hope this will not be the case.

"We sincerely thank our Companions of the quill for the uniform courtesy with which we have been treated in their reports, and wish them long life and prosperity, and an abundant entrance into the life to come. And with an earnest prayer for the continued prosperity of our Masonic Zion within our own Commonwealth, as well as elsewhere, we close this report."

M. E. Edward C. Sellers, Grand High Priest; R. E. Henry B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

We have not received for review the proceedings of
Florida,
Ireland, or
Louisiana.

S. B.

MAINE—1900.

Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation was held May 1st, in Portland. M. E. Comp. Winfield S. Hinckley, Grand High Priest. Two Past Grand Officers were reported deceased.

Comp. Rufus H. Hinckley, ex-Grand Treasurer, and Comp. Seward S. Stearns, who presided in Grand Chapter 1893-4.

The condition of the Craft in the State is pleasingly presented, as follows:—

"I take great pleasure in congratulating you, my Companions, and the Royal Craft throughout this jurisdiction, on the general prosperity of Capitular Masonry in this State. Our membership is steadily increasing, but not so rapidly as to induce an unhealthy growth.

"Our Subordinate Chapters are in good condition financially, and I think, without an exception, are occupying commodious and well-appointed halls, and in but very few instances does any indebtedness exist, and in each case the debt is small. Peace and the utmost harmony prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and the most kindly and fraternal relations exist between this Grand Chapter and our sister Grand Jurisdictions."

And the statements so made are verified by the reports of various visiting Grand Officers, which occupy about twenty-three printed pages.

Financial affairs are in excellent condition—a handsome balance, say, $3,600.00, and a Charity Fund of $4,830.00.

There are fifty-six Chapters in the State, with membership aggregating 6,302, a gain for the year of 179.

The proceedings, while comparatively brief, are those of a well-managed, strong and harmonious Grand Body.

The Report on Correspondence is, of course, by our veteran Comp. Drummond. One hundred and fifty-seven pages afford abundant evidence of his vigorous intellect and extensive knowledge. The proceedings of the various Grand Chapters are carefully scrutinized, and the abstracts given are very complete.

Pennsylvania receives extended notice, about five pages being used for our proceedings of 1899, and as much more for the continuance of controversial questions.

Comp. Drummond mentions tenderly the death of our late associate, Comp. Africa, and says:

" * * * * By his death the community and Craft sustain a severe loss.

"It is more to us; it also places us in a very delicate position; the continuance of a discussion after the death of the other party we ordinarily avoid, but parts of his discussion in this report are of such a nature as to require notice; we shall proceed, therefore, to notice those parts and endeavor to maintain the truth, and, to our utmost, endeavor to do no injustice to him, as one whose voice cannot be heard in reply."

The writer who now succeeds to Comp. Africa's place has felt perplexity over the proper course to be pursued. On the one hand, he has not the least doubt of the honesty and sincerity which Comp. Africa felt in writing the disputed sentences. Nor is there any less doubt that Comp. Africa was correct.

It would perhaps be just as well to submit no further observations, but a careful examination, commenced many years ago, has led to the conclusion that a few words may yet be indulged our Pennsylvania Companions, for in words of controversy we do not care to speak. In justice to Comp. Africa's memory, we add what follows.

It is, of course, admitted that Pennsylvania does not now allow public installations in Lodge or Chapter, but the contention is that Grand Lodge is inconsistent because (it is alleged) at one time the law read otherwise. It should be a simple matter to decide this question, and to our mind there is not much obscurity. And it would certainly settle the whole matter with precision if any one could or would point to a single instance where installation (or like Masonic ceremony) was ever publicly performed in this Commonwealth. It may have happened—we do not know, beyond the fact that we have never heard or read of such an instance.

And if it did occur it was contrary to the policy of our Grand Lodge.

It is to be regretted that so little is known of the history of our Ahiman Rezon of 1825. That it was the child of contention, almost of revolution, can be safely asserted. Forms and ceremonies were the least part of its innovating work; but these, it is evident, were produced to comply with a demand of that time, and were compiled substantially from Preston's Illustrations. This act of copying, and at the same time of adapting to certain changes, naturally led to some inconsistencies, and, in our opinion, part of the present contention rests upon that very fact.

It is true that on page 241 the rubric implies that the "ceremony of consecrating and constituting a Lodge" may be "performed in public." And it is just as true that in the exact forms for these ceremonials it is directed that a Grand Lodge be opened prior to any real formality (page 200), and closed at the conclusion (page 220). And if done in a Lodge, necessarily so done, we cannot admit the conclusion that it became a public act. Nor does it change the conclusion, because the same error was continued in the editions of 1857 and 1868.

The assertion by Bro. Drummond that our late Bro. Vaux, in contending for the doctrine of "no public Masonic ceremonies," was compelled to change manifest existing law, and that "the result was the Ahiman Rezon of 1878" is more serious. No such thing was ever dreamed of in Pennsylvania. Far greater matters were at stake, and forms and ceremonies were but incidentally considered. We know whereof we write, for we were deeply interested in that revision. We regret, and deeply, that such an assertion, backed

by such eminent authority, has been placed before the Masonic world.

We think Bro. Vaux made his first criticism upon public installations in 1881. If earlier, it has escaped our notice. And that date alone should be sufficient answer to the insinuation above set forth.

Nor does the "Chandler incident" prove a "very sore one." Past Grand Master Chandler undoubtedly attended a public installation in Washington. He probably considered it sufficient for him that Masonic law in the District of Columbia authorized such ceremony. Nor are we at all sure that any one of our Past Grand Masters, being for the time in Maine, would refuse a courteous invitation to accompany our good Brother Drummond to a similar function. We of Pennsylvania do not claim to make laws for the Masonic world. We have our opinions as to many innovations and changes, but do not cry out "spurious or clandestine" because some Grand Lodges sanction or adopt them. And, after all, Brother Chandler was made a Mason in Massachusetts; and in a very few years after the Washington incident he isolated himself from his brethren by entering the communion of the Roman Catholic Church.

Another matter. Will our good Companion Drummond state who of our "Pennsylvania Brethren" has said that "the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is the oldest Grand Lodge in America?" We have never read such a statement, and the record (Grand Lodge Proceedings—1882) completely exonerates Comp. Africa from such imputation. *A* Lodge and *a* Grand Lodge in Philadelphia were the first in America, so far as known, but they left no succession, no descendants. And if any statement has been made such as Comp. Drummond implies, it is due to the same class of ignorance which

long maintained that our Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had its beginning from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

But it is said the Lodge of 1731 was not "regular!" We believe it was. We think that Benjamin Franklin knew the ground he stood upon, and the canons of "regularity" were not then what they have since become. And there is a certain disingenuousness in the use of that term—a covert sting—a latent reproach, which we greatly deprecate. Is it not a fair and proper inference, from all the facts so far known, that such a Lodge as that in Philadelphia in 1731, was sufficient in all points of regularity for that time? And if otherwise, what is the consequence?

When our beloved Brother Drummond shall pay the last debt of nature (may it be long hence) and in the shades meet the distinguished Masonic dead who have gone before, will he refuse recognition to Franklin because his making was not in a "regular Lodge?" Or to the more majestic soul of George Washington because his Masonic mother was "evidently a voluntary Lodge—self-constituted?"

The truth is what we need, and every fact of Masonic development is precious. Whatever will contribute to the true history of Masonry is welcome to us, no matter whether it occurred in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts or Virginia. Few men have labored more earnestly and faithfully in Masonic fields than our Brother Drummond, and we trust that his zeal may long add to Masonic light and literature.

M. E. Comp. Winfield S. Hinckley (re-elected), Grand High Priest, Lisbon; R. E. Comp. Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, Portland.

MARYLAND—1900.

The Annual Convocation for 1900, being the "One Hundred and Third Year," was held November 13th, at the Masonic Temple, Baltimore.

Daniel T. Ordeman, M. E. Grand High Priest (whose portrait confronts the title page of the proceedings), with his Grand Officers, opened the Convocation in ample form. Eleven Past Grand High Priests were present and the Representatives of fifteen Chapters.

The address of the presiding officer presented his work for the year and showed attention to his duties. He made suitable mention of the death of a Past Grand High Priest, Comp. William H. Clark, and reported one new Chapter, at Laurel, under his dispensation.

The Grand Lecturer visited every Chapter and gave instruction in the work. Financial affairs were easily handled, there being a balance of $601.72 to the credit of the Grand Body. The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, referring to discontinuance of official Grand Visitations, says:

> "So in the coming year we recommend the renewal of the visitations of the Grand High Priest, especially among the rural Chapters, not with the pomp and circumstance of a large retinue, but by his personal presence and counsel to aid and encourage the Companions and stimulate them to greater zeal and enthusiasm in the Royal Arch."

On the following evening, at request of the Grand High Priest, Concordia Chapter, No. 1, conferred the Most Excellent Master's Degree. A "cast" given by way of note suggests the "novel and interesting accessories recently introduced." Very beautiful, no doubt, and so the innovations roll on.

The statistics show twenty Chapters, with a net membership of 1,961, a gain of 37.

The Report on Correspondence was again prepared by the veteran Companion Edward T. Schultz.

"With the aid of a reader and amanuensis, I am once more enabled to prepare the annual review of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters in fraternal correspondence with our Grand Chapter.

"With this report I have rounded out a full quarter of a century in this position, having been first appointed by Grand High Priest Hermon L. Emmons, in 1875, and since then annually reappointed by his successors."

As our distinguished Companion surveys the field of past and present, he finds but two "still in harness" who were "wielding the pen" when he entered the corps—Companions Drummond, of Maine, and Robertson, of Canada.

"It is with heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God that I am still enabled to continue the work, and that I start upon another review, the preparation of which is a labor of love, lighting up my darkened pathway in life and affording me the pleasure which only a blind man could fully appreciate and enjoy."

The Report is, of course, interesting and excellent. Pennsylvania has suitable attention, with liberal quotations from our proceedings. Companion Schultz adheres to his opposition to dependent membership, which we have insisted upon for more than three-fourths of a century. And upon the question of suspension for non-payment of dues we have no contention, for such suspensions are from the "rights and privileges of membership," and are not equivalent to expulsion from Royal Arch Masonry. No Companions are suspended in Pennsylvania who are unable to pay their dues. In thirty years we have not known such a case. But where contumacious neglect or cold indifference is shown the law is enforced.

M. E. Companion David C. Avery, Grand High Priest, Baltimore; R. E. Companion George L. McCahan, Grand Secretary, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS—1900.

Quarterly Convocations were held as usual—March 13th, June 12th, September 11th—a Special, October 19th, and the Annual, December 11th, being the One Hundred and Second.

At the quarterlies and annual the "entrance of the Grand High Priest and other officers was proclaimed by the Grand Captain of the Host," and the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. Comp. Warren B. Ellis, M. E. Grand High Priest, at the several Convocations.

In March, upon the careful report of a Special Committee, the question of jurisdiction between two Chapters was adjusted.

In June a petition was received for a new Chapter at Ayer, which, with other business, was placed in hands of Committees.

In September the dispensation was authorized.

At the Special Convocation in October, which was held at Winthrop, a Chapter bearing that name was duly constituted.

At the Annual, in December, the first business was the exemplification of the degrees.

"During the exemplification of the Mark and Most Excellent Degrees, E. Harry Hunt, Grand Lecturer, presided, E. Edward J. Sartelle, Grand Lecturer, presiding in the Past and Royal Arch Degrees, the Grand Lecturers exchanging stations.

"At the close of each degree its lecture was given by the Grand Lecturers, the one presiding for the time being asking the questions, while the other gave the responses.

"The opportunity that was offered by the Grand Lecturers at the close of each degree to obtain special information upon points in which the Companions were in doubt was greatly appreciated by them."

In the evening the Grand High Priest presided, and the usual business was taken up. The financial affairs are in excellent condition, the funds of the Grand Chapter amounting to $13,211.76. We learn from the statement that each Chapter pays $6.00 as dues and $5.00 per capita for candidates.

A revision of the "Grand Constitution and Particular Regulations" was presented and ordered printed for perusal.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a review of the transactions of the year, which, with the proceedings, exhibits the pleasing fact that all things were "done decently and in order."

There are seventy-four Chapters, having 16,079 members. An observer is at once impressed by the large average. There are but fifteen Chapters having less than one hundred members. The lowest of all is fifty-three; the highest, 1,142.

Grand Chapter has prepared a plate, from which proper sheets can be printed, furnished and bound together, for Mark Books. We appreciate this idea, and wish it were in general practice.

The Grand Secretary, Comp. J. Gilman Waite, is the "Correspondent," and in 105 pages affords a careful and fraternal review. We find careful consideration everywhere of the subjects before him, and a fraternal treatment of all. He quotes with commendation the report of our Committee on Jurisprudence on the question of jurisdiction, and also gives the general explanation made by our Grand High Priest of the same subject. One decision strikes him unfavorably—that a ballot must be taken upon a petition, without motion so to do, *unless* the petition be withdrawn.

"We hold that the application having been referred to a Committee, and reported upon, it cannot fail to go to ballot in the usual manner, except it be found that there is lack of jurisdiction over the candidate."

From this we judge that his criticism is based upon the withdrawal of petitions. As the Constitution of our Grand Chapter permits a petition to be withdrawn after favorable report, our Grand High Priest could not have decided otherwise.

Comp. Waite notices specially the last report of our late associate, Comp. Africa, but the remarks are so devoid of irritating controversy that we do not feel called upon to make any rejoinder. Like our Companion, whom we thoroughly respect, we wait on all disputed questions for more light, and whatever may be found historically and critically to be "of good report," let us accept as valuable, no matter where the events took place.

M. E. Comp. Warren B. Ellis, Boston, Grand High Priest; R. E. Comp. J. Gilman Waite, Boston, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN—1901.

The transactions before us are those of the Forty-third Annual Convocation, held at Detroit, January 15, 1901.

M. E. Comp. Reuben C. Webb, Grand High Priest, presiding. He reported issuance of dispensations for three new Chapters, which was encouraging, also to "receive and ballot" the same evening in several cases, which we do not like so well.

Of the General Grand Chapter he has an opinion:

"It is certainly a very deliberative body, as it took three days to transact the business that could just as well have been done in half a day. * * * * The General Grand Chapter may be a very useful body, but I must confess I failed to discover wherein its usefulness lay, and yet I find that we are paying about $140 every year for the inestimable privilege of being a constituent part of that body, and in the last ten years we have paid $1,311.19 for this purpose, and this does not include the expenses of

our delegates, for which an additional appropriation is made every third year by our Grand Chapter. It seems to me that we get very small returns for the money invested."

The report of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer showed a good condition of affairs and a cash balance of $3,310.50. The Grand Lecturer found satisfactory work, but calls for some form which can be generally used in "changing from one degree to another." We have good ones—old ones—in Pennsylvania.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Correspondence Committee be paid $50 "for services rendered," and that "future reports of the Committee be abolished." Adopted.

Every Grand Chapter must judge for itself of this matter, but we opine that a majority of our Grand Bodies will continue the work. Taking the Correspondence reports together—some more interesting, no doubt, than others—they afford the best means so far used for diffusing Masonic light and knowledge. In these days of railroads, telegraphs and telephones, we are trying to put away the isolation and distance of old times, and bring to our members a knowledge of what is being considered and done in the Masonic world, and we believe the greatest aid to this is found in these carefully-prepared reports. For the most part, they contain words of fraternity and information fitly spoken. Hence we regret this action of our Sister Grand Chapter.

In the report printed with these proceedings we find evident anticipation of the measure then adopted. It is very brief, less than forty pages, written by two Companions. Pennsylvania has seventeen lines, and many jurisdictions less yet.

The general make-up of these proceedings is good—an attractive volume.

There are 135 Chapters, 13,983 members, a gain of 321.

M. E. Comp. William T. Denfield, Saginaw, Grand High Priest; R. E. Comp. Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA—1901.

Fortieth Annual Convocation, held at St. Paul, October 8, 1901. Comp. Andrew P. Swanstrom, M. E. Grand High Priest, presided. Ten Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

"In accordance with our By-Laws, a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was first opened, the roll of Chapters called, and a majority being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in *ample form.*"

The Grand High Priest reported the constitution of two Chapters and thirty-five official visits. Of one of these he says:

"It was a joint installation of Lodge, Chapter and O. E. S., a combination I would heartily recommend wherever possible."

One would think the very heavens should fall.

Of dispensations the number was large, being mostly for election or installation of officers.

The Grand Secretary made report, showing present membership 5,396, a net increase of 90. We notice by the Grand Treasurer's statement disbursements amounting to $3,218.87, of which the sum of $650.00 was for relief. A creditable showing, truly, which has our warm commendation.

Comp. Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest, writes the Correspondence Report for the twelfth time. Experience suggests to him as follows:

"I do not deem it necessary, or at all important, to report in connection with each jurisdiction reviewed that which is common to nearly all, viz., the opening of the Grand Chapter in AMPLE or due form, prayer by the Grand Chaplain, an occasional address of welcome by the local Chapter and response thereto, the appointment of the Committee on Credentials and their report, appointment of Standing Committees, reports of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and of committees, standing and special, election and installation of officers, and closing. This is included in the term routine business."

In consequence, he starts Pennsylvania thus:

"Philadelphia—Michael W. Jacobs, G. H. P."

and then plunges *in medias res.*

We have examined with warm interest the whole of this report, and like Comp. Lyte, last year, we find it interesting. The writer is honest with himself and with his fellow-Correspondents. Pennsylvania has one of the most generous reviews accorded to any Grand Body, and we cannot complain of any serious errors. In one phrase we find a marked compliment.

"We glean from the several reports some of the *usages adhered to* in Pennsylvania."

Yes, "usages adhered to"—old customs followed and not supplanted, old ways still traveled—these explain the Masonic policy of the Keystone State.

From our Companion's brief summary of some of our ways we infer that a number of long-established principles seem strange to him. And we modify two items as stated in his digest. A decision of a Grand High Priest is usually reported, though not passed upon in Grand Chapter, and our warrants, when not displayed at meetings, are in the custody of our High Priests, who may or *may not* keep them in safes.

Comp. Charles H. Brinsmaid, M. E. Grand High Priest,

Minneapolis; Comp. Thomas Montgomery, R. E. Grand Secretary, St. Paul.

MISSISSIPPI—1901.

Fifty-third Annual Convocation was held at Oxford, February 27th and 28th. M. E. Comp. Nolan Stewart, Grand High Priest.

Two Past Grand High Priests had passed from the Council of Earth—John Knox M'Leod and William Starling.

Numerous dispensations were reported, among them 23 "to ballot out of time."

"Nearly all of these dispensations were granted to Chapters which were revived or instituted during the year, thus enabling them to acquire a good working membership, and I am pleased to say that nearly all of these Chapters are now in most excellent condition."

Visitations, four only, but the Grand Lecturer, in his department, did "efficient work."

Five decisions, two of them being to the effect that "ministers of the Gospel" were just as good as other applicants, and must pay the usual fees. Correct.

"I find that many Chapters have no Book of Marks, and many which have them do not strictly enforce the law in regard to Marks. This should be corrected.

"Very few Chapters have the robes and paraphernalia for the officers. This detracts very much from the impressiveness in conferring the degrees, and it would be well if this also could be remedied."

A most interesting report upon last Convocation of General Grand Chapter was presented by Past Grand High Priest Frederick Speed. It is a valuable contribution to Masonic history, and but for its length, we should desire to transfer it to our pages. It is particularly adapted to those interested in the genesis and evolution of General Grand Chapter ritual,

which our learned Companion pronounces "the only lawful work in these United States." Considering that Pennsylvania is still in the Union, and that we have a lawful Grand Chapter, we think our ritual not subject to the implied charge.

After careful investigation, more work and increased pay were assigned to the Grand Lecturer. The returns from Subordinate Chapters show a decided advancement in Capitular Masonry in the State. Dormant Chapters have revived, new energy has been felt and a handsome gain in membership the result. An increase of 462 in total membership indicates an advance of about twenty-five per cent.

Past Grand High Priest Comp. P. M. Savery presents the Correspondence Report in about fifty pages. It is well prepared and interesting. Pennsylvania is not among the Grand Chapters reviewed. Proceedings probably miscarried.

M. E. Comp. John S. Cobb, Verona, Grand High Priest.

MISSOURI—1901.

The Grand Chapter of Missouri convened in Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation, at St. Louis, April 24, 1901.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was Comp. Arthur M. Hough.

The Committee on Credentials said:

"There are present fifteen Past Grand High Priests, forty-six Past High Priests not Representatives of Chapters, thirty-six Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Missouri, together with eighty-three High Priests, fifty-four Kings, and forty-eight Scribes, representing eighty-seven of the ninety-eight chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction, and also W. B. Hager, H. P. of Webb City, Chapter U. D."

The address of the Grand High Priest was brief and businesslike. He evidently gave careful attention to his duties. Of dispensations there were nine, four to move into new halls or make change, four to elect officers, and one for a new Chapter. A good record.

Two Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Missouri were called from earth—Companions Erwin Ellis and William B. Wilson.

The Masonic Home was the subject of most careful and interesting report. We congratulate our Companions upon their share in the noble work. And the financial affairs are well managed and carefully guarded, for with a large payroll, liberal salaries and allowances, a steady substantial balance is maintained—this year, $12,399.73.

A Special Committee made report on the case of a High Priest who has been suspended from office for alleged misconduct. The offences specified, with one exception, were committed before the defendant was elected High Priest. On the one charge the Committee found the Companion not guilty, and held that as to the others he could be tried only in his own Chapter, after expiration of his term of office, Grand Chapter having no original jurisdiction of charges against members of subordinate bodies.

This particular case was probably treated wisely and correctly, but we do not like to have our Grand Bodies assimilate themselves too closely to the procedure of our law courts.

We are of opinion that the Grand Bodies should leave their own hands free to deal directly and summarily, if need be, with those who wound the honor, dignity and welfare of the Craft. Masonry is a law unto itself.

A revised Constitution was considered and adopted; also By-Laws.

Comp. William H. Mayo presents his Twenty-second Annual Report on Correspondence. He manages his work with discretion and ability. We, of Pennsylvania, salute him most cordially for the excellent review of our proceedings, and for his kind remembrance of our late associate and friend, Companion Africa.

Our Comp. Mayo is now one of the veteran Secretaries and Reviewers in our Craft. His work must be large, and requires no small amount of tact and ability. Long may he continue!

M. E. Comp. Thurston B. Duncan, Grand High Priest, Mexico, Mo.; R. E. Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, Grand Secretary, St. Louis, Mo.

MONTANA—1900.

The M. E. Grand Chapter met in Eleventh Annual Convocation at Great Falls, September 18th.

Comp. Alfred Balmforth, M. E. Grand High Priest, having taken his station, and other Grand Officers being in readiness, the Grand Secretary reported that all the chartered Chapters had made returns and paid dues for the last Capitular year, and that a majority of them was present and represented.

And *then* Grand Chapter was opened.

The address of the Grand High Priest was brief, but showed attention to his duties. Nine Chapters were visited, with satisfactory results. One decision, confirmed by Grand Chapter, was the only record in jurisprudence. A member of a Chapter filed objections to a candidate, as follows: "I shall object to Bro. A. advancing this evening." It was held that the objection did not last beyond the time specified.

There is nothing severely wrong in this construction, but as we of the Keystone jurisdiction are compelled to receive objections unconditionally and without qualifications, it would probably not be good law here. One new Chapter was constituted, Hiram, No. 15, at Lewistown.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed a general gain of 77, from which losses subtract 45, leaving a net increase of 32, making the membership 864.

"Three Chapters conferred no degree during the year, eight show a gain, six a loss, and one reports same membership."

The Grand Chapter of New Mexico was recognized, the Secretaries of Chapters were directed to report all deaths of members promptly, the Endowment Fund for Masonic Home received due attention, and, *inter alia*,

"Companion J. W. Freeman, on behalf of Great Falls Chapter, No. 9, announced a dance for Thursday evening, after Grand Lodge meeting, and extended a cordial invitation to all delegates to be present."

After close of the Grand Chapter, the "Holy Order of High Priesthood" was conferred and eight candidates duly "anointed."

Orderly and correct as were these proceedings, the main interest in the book is unquestionably in the "Capitular Correspondence," as prepared by R. E. Comp. Cornelius Hedges, who is the Committee, as well as Grand Secretary. We wish every Royal Arch Mason in Pennsylvania could read his report, for the chances are many to one that the reader would greatly increase his stock of Masonic information. He thinks for himself—not always along the lines we prefer to follow—but is above offensive criticism of those who disagree, and no one can deny him recognition as being "of the true tribe."

Pennsylvania has never been a constituent of General

Grand Chapter, and as some of our newly-exalted Royal Arch Masons at times ask about that body, we are glad to present to them some of the ideas of Companion Hedges on that subject:

"It has a national head, but it is almost a 'caput mortuum,' very respectable, but not backed by very much real power, except over Chapters that have not yet been organized into Grand Chapters. The General Grand Chapter depends for its influence upon the high character of its officials and the influence they may exert by the wisdom of their acts and words, and perhaps even more by refraining from acts and speech."

Also:

"The few writers that seem to have any desire to see its rightful powers restored to the General Grand Chapter seem to have abandoned hope of its accomplishment. Socially it performs a good service in bringing together representative Companions from all parts of the country. But it is a question if the money spent in dues and expenses of representatives could not better be spent at home in some work of charity. Pennsylvania, Virginia and Texas are out and show no disposition to come in. We used to think rather hard of them for being so uncompanionable, but we must acknowledge, after fuller acquaintance with the situation, that there is not much inducement for them to tie themselves to a rope of sand. In almost everything else combination and closer union seem to be the rule and tendency of the age. Why this notable exception, constitutes a puzzle."

Pennsylvania has kind attention, and the abstract of our proceedings for 1899 is substantially correct. The loss of membership in our three Mark Lodges is noticed. It may not be generally understood that by change in our Constitution years ago the qualifications of applicants were made the same for the Mark as for the Most Excellent Degree, to wit, that the petitioners must have "passed the chair." This sent all the work into the Chapters, and the Mark Lodges continue their organizations only for the purpose of charitably managing their invested funds, which are large.

As to our work: It is true we have no monitor, no printed

rituals. Under the direction of our Grand High Priests the District Deputies are responsible for correct work. It is a matter of careful supervision and not of "constant lecturing." The results are most gratifying.

We can certainly reciprocate the pleasant assurances of our distinguished Companion.

M. E. Comp. W. E. Chamberlain, Grand High Priest, Great Falls; R. E. Comp. Cornelius Hedges, Grand Secretary, Helena.

NEBRASKA—1900.

In Freemasons' Hall, Omaha, December 12, 1900, was opened the Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, M. E. Comp. James Dinsman, Grand High Priest.

Thirty-five of fifty-three Chapters represented.

The address pays tribute to the memory of Comp. Robert H. Henry, a Past Grand High Priest of Nebraska, and to the beloved dead of other jurisdictions.

The Grand High Priest reports a few visits and some dispensations, all being for election or installation of officers. This subject gives evidence of being troublesome. Just why officers are negligent about being installed we cannot understand, if they are fit to occupy their places. This Grand Chapter heretofore fixed a fee for such dispensation at $5.00; now, on the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, it is raised to $25.00, "to prevent the carelessness."

Of representation, he says:

"Some were commissioned many years ago, and seldom attend the Annual Convocations of this Grand Body, and others, whom I do not remember to have ever met in Grand Chapter. Reports from Representatives have been so rarely made as to be called curiosities when they did appear.

"The system of representation between Grand Chapters is commendable in its purpose, but as now conducted is little better than a worthless incumbrance of our records."

The report of the Grand Secretary is interesting and exhibits careful attention to all the duties of the office. We are much impressed with the just and economical way in which the finances are managed. The printing, always well done, is a great saving over most Grand Chapters, and salaries and office expenses are small; in fact, too small.

The Grand Lecturer says the account of his official acts will be sincere but unfavorable.

"I have not found one Chapter visited correct in all the essentials."

Notwithstanding this, there is a gain of fifty-one, making a total of 2,951 in the State.

Past Grand High Priest Companion Charles J. Phelps presents his ninth Report on Correspondence. It is carefully prepared and furnishes an excellent summary of the proceedings reviewed. Pennsylvania is liberally handled, and quotations from the address of M. E. Comp. Jacobs occupy considerable space.

Reply is made to the suggestion of our late Comp. Africa regarding prerogative as follows:

"It does not necessarily follow, we think, that because our Grand High Priest is required to report his official acts, which are considered in committee, and finally approved or disapproved by the Grand Chapter, that he does not possess any prerogatives. Prerogatives he does exercise by dispensing with the law and authorizing proceedings without complying with its provisions. In most cases such acts are approved, thereby recognizing the existence of the prerogatives involved."

We still doubt if that which is subject to appeal or review can be styled prerogative. But with good presiding officers the difference is not great.

On the subject of High Priesthood, our Companion is earnest for the old ways. So are we, and, we think, successfully. No High Priest is recognized as such in Pennsylvania until he has had this Order conferred upon him. It is an essential part of his installation.

M. E. Comp. John S. Harman, Grand High Priest, Tecumseh; R. E. Comp. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, Plattsmouth.

NEVADA, 1901.

Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation was held in Carson City June 10 and 11, 1901. M. E. Comp. M. A. Murphy was Grand High Priest, and with his Grand Officers appeared eleven Past Grand Officers and the officers or proxies of six Chapters.

The address was very brief. Nothing of importance called for special report. Sickness and business prevented visits to Chapters, and as to the rest:

> "I have no recommendations to offer. I think our laws, rules and regulations are sufficient in number and strength and can be readily comprehended by the Companions, and from the working of the several Chapters and the conduct of the Companions, they seem to be well pleased with the condition of affairs."

There are no proceedings calling for special mention. We notice that this Grand Chapter supports what seems a great burden—occasioned by liberal expenditures, which are necessarily levied from comparatively small membership. It is certainly creditable that these expenses are so generously met.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the fifth one from the hands of Comp. A. D. Bird. It bears out what we had occasion to say of him last year, being interesting and well worthy of being read.

He describes in full our jewel for Past Grand High Priests; speaks favorably of Comp. Henderson; quotes liberally from his eulogy upon our late Comp. Africa, and says we gave him "favorable mention" last year.

He concludes:

"We shall close this, our fifth journey, thankful for the many kind words spoken of ourself and glad that our Grand Chapter, so small, is given such loving remembrances by all."

Seven Chapters; 304 members.

Comp. William Sutherland, M. E. Grand High Priest, Reno; Comp. Chauncey N. Noteware, R. E. Grand Secretary, Carson City.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1901.

Fourteenth Annual Convocation, held at the City of St. John, August 28, 1901. M. E. Comp. John A. Watson, Grand High Priest, with his Grand Officers, and representatives of eight Chapters were present.

The pamphlet containing the proceedings is very neatly printed, nicely gotten up, and is paged 343 to 375 inclusive. The address covers about nine pages. A just tribute is paid to the memory of the great Queen, who, after a long reign, died beloved by all her subjects, and is succeeded by the Monarch, who has so ably filled many Masonic stations.

Of the Craft at home, it is said:

"During the year I am rejoiced to be able to assure you that Capitular Masonry has gained strength and numbers in this jurisdiction. To be sure, the increase in numbers is not large, but *it is an increase*, and that is gratifying to us. As Past Grand High Priest Ellis remarked in his address in 1898, 'We cannot hope for a large membership in this jurisdiction, for the field is too limited.' The fact, however, that we are adding to our number year by year is encouraging."

Visitations were reported to four Chapters; among them one, to Sussex No. 9, was for the consecration of the Chapter. The Secretariat has had careful attention—far more work, we imagine, than was paid for. A form of warrant was adopted, and we are interested to notice that the phrase "Warrant of Constitution" is adhered to.

The Committee on the Address paid a just compliment in the following:

"In respect to the closing words of the Grand High Priest's address the Committee feel that Grand Chapter has enjoyed two pleasant years of its life under the rule of the retiring Grand High Priest, and that he has discharged the duties of his office in a manner to increase for him the esteem and respect in which he is held by his Companions."

There is no report on correspondence.

Nine Chapters; 463 members—a gain of 5.

M. E. Comp. Alexander Burchill, Grand High Priest, Fredericton.

R. E. Comp. William B. Wallace, K. C. Grand Secretary, St. John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1901.

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire was held at Concord on Tuesday, May 14, 1901.

A portrait of M. E. Comp. George W. Currier, Grand High Priest, 1879, is given in the proceedings.

Franklin A. Rawson, M. E. Grand High Priest, opened the Grand Chapter, and all but three of his Grand Officers were present, nine Past Grand High Priests, and twenty-two Subordinate Chapters represented. Among the list of the Grand Representatives present we find the name of Comp. Samuel Condon, the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The Grand High Priest began his address as follows:

"In assuming the chair in the East of the Sanctuary of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter one year ago, I fully realized the honor you had conferred upon me and the responsibility resting in my hands. The honor thus conferred and the duties as Grand High Priest of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, I have endeavored to maintain and perform to the best of my ability. If I have erred in judgment, have charity; but deal justly.

"Companions, I welcome you to this, our Eighty-second Annual Convocation. Many blessings have been bestowed upon us during the past year, for all of which we are devoutly grateful to the great 'I Am,' who in His infinite wisdom directs all things. And let us, as Masons, seek His guidance in the deliberations of this hour and implore His favor for time to come.

"As we look at the faces of the assembled Companions, we miss him whom we have been accustomed to see at our Annual Convocations and whom we trust is wearing the crown of a pure life and an honest man. Others fill his place and carry his burdens."

The above paragraph refers to R. E. Comp. Joseph W. Hildreth, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, who was born in Boston, June 3, 1826, and died in Manchester, December 2, 1900.

Comp. Hildreth was an earnest and enthusiastic Mason, and the Grand High Priest, after giving the dates on which he received his various Masonic Degrees, says:

"Held the office of Secretary, both in his Lodge and Chapter. Was Grand Steward in the Grand Lodge in 1875, 1876 and 1877; Grand Marshal, 1878 to 1893, inclusive, and was elected a permanent member May 16, 1900. Held the office of Grand Treasurer in Grand Chapter and Grand Council from 1877 to his death. Grand Treasurer in Grand Commandery, 1889 to his death. Held the office of Grand Warder in Grand Commandery in 1873 and 1874; Grand Junior Warden, 1875; Grand Captain General, 1876; Deputy Grand Commander, 1877 and 1878; Grand Commander, 1879."

He reports a number of visits to Subordinate Chapters, which Chapters he found in good condition.

He reports several decisions, but there is nothing of special interest in them to the Companions of Pennsylvania.

M. E. Comp. John F. Webster was appointed Grand Treasurer by the Grand High Priest to fill the unexpired term of R. E. Comp. Hildreth.

The following action by the State Librarian would be a good one for other State Librarians to follow:

"There has been an effort made by Mr. Arthur H. Chase, State Librarian, to arrange for the turning over of duplicate Masonic publications of other States (now in the Masonic Library) to the State Library, with the understanding that the State Librarian will make earnest efforts to make the sets complete, and bind them up and permanently preserve them upon their shelves. The matter having been brought to my attention, I heartily approved of the idea, and consented to the request of the Librarian, provided the other Masonic Grand Presiding Officers joined in the request. The matter is fraternally submitted to you, whether the property right shall be transferred to the library or remain as now."

The Grand High Priest closed his address as follows:

"Companions, another year in our Masonic history is nearly completed, and we shall soon separate and renew the battle of life. Let us rejoice in Him who rules over all, for His blessings and the beneficent spirit of love and good fellowship existing among the fraternity in our jurisdiction. Once more the gavel is returned to this Grand Body and this jewel, emblematic of station, I surrender with many thanks for honors bestowed."

The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer was $1,445.19.

We take the following figures from the Report on Chapters and Returns:

"Number of Chapters	25
Membership, 1900	3,646
Admitted to membership	142
Restored to membership	3
Dimitted	21
Died	64
Suspended, n. p. d.	37
Membership, 1901	3,669
Increase	23"

The Report on Correspondence comprises a review of fifty-one Grand Chapters and is by Comp. A. S. Wait, as usual. He takes about one hundred pages for his report.

We find Comp. Wait's report, as in former years, very good and interesting, and we do not believe there is another correspondent who has less use for the scissors.

Pennsylvania has a full share of his space and is reviewed for 1900.

He pays the following tribute to Comp. Africa, of our Committee, viz.:

"A quarterly was held on the sixth of September, when, we are greatly pained to observe, the announcement was made of the death of Companion J. Simpson Africa, which occurred on the eighth of the preceding August. We well remember Companion Africa visiting, some years ago, our Grand Commandery, when we made his personal acquaintance. We at that time gained a very high impression of his character as a man and as a gentleman of high culture and polished manners. The acquaintance we then formed with him has been to us, while a perpetual memory, a continual pleasure. We unite with our Companions of Pennsylvania in their sadness of heart at the passing away of one whom we have long esteemed as among the ablest and best among the members of the Masonic fraternity."

He says at the December Quarterly Comp. Edgar A. Tennis, Past Grand High Priest, read a memorial of Comp. Africa, which he had prepared for the occasion, wherein ample and appropriate tribute is paid to the great virtues and high character of the deceased as a man and Mason.

Of Comp. Henderson's introduction to the report of the Committee he says it "is especially able and interesting."

Comp. Wait closes his report as follows:

"Our work of the year is ended, and we present the results of our labor to the inspection of our Companions. It exhibits the Capitular Craft in a state of substantially universal harmony, as well as the enjoyment of a prosperity not exceeded in any former period of its history. No controversies have withdrawn attention from the great principles of the institu-

tion or impaired the efforts for the full realization of its beneficent objects.

"Very few questions divide the sentiment of the Companions, and those are far from fundamental in Masonry. On the questions of dependent membership and physical qualification for the Degrees, opinion is still divided, and perhaps little progress has been made towards unanimity of sentiment. But nothing like controversy or discord has attended the discussions. The year is ended, but not the work of Masonry. The retrospect of the institution is unsurpassed in its sublimity, while its prospects are most cheering to the hopes of the philosopher and the philanthropist."

M. E. Comp. Franklin A. Rawson was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Comp. Frank D. Woodbury, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY, 1901.

The Forty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey was held in Trenton, May 15, 1901.

The volume of proceedings contains fine portraits of R. E. Comp. George B. Edwards and M. E. Thomas H. R. Redway, who served as Grand High Priest in 1872.

E. Comp. William H. Grosscup, Deputy Grand High Priest, as Grand High Priest opened the Grand Chapter, M. E. Comp. George C. Woolson, Grand High Priest, being absent on account of important business. The balance of the Grand Officers were all present, also fifteen Past Grand High Priests, and twenty-nine Chapters were represented. M. E. Comp. Henry S. Haines, Pennsylvania's Grand Representative, was present.

Under Reception of Distinguished Visitors we find the following:

"Comp. Joseph E. Moore, Grand Master of Masons, was received with the honors of Royal Arch Masonry, welcomed and accepted an invitation to the East. Felicitations abounded."

"Companions J. Harris Balston, Grand High Priest; Rollin M. Morgan, Grand King; Albert Behning, Grand Royal Arch Captain; George McGowan, Grand Lecturer; George W. Stivers, Past Grand High Priest; James Babcock, Grand Representative of Nevada; George B. Edwards, Grand Representative, all from New York, were announced and received, and courtesies and honors of the Royal Craft were extended and congratulations exchanged."

A reception was accorded the Representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions, and they were duly welcomed to the Grand East with the honors of Capitular Masonry. The response was made by Comp. I. Layton Register.

The Deputy Grand High Priest read the address of the Grand High Priest, which began as follows:

"Another year has passed, and again we are permitted to assemble and take action upon subjects pertaining to the interests of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. Some whom we have met year after year within these walls have crossed to the Unknown shore, and the happy greetings we were wont to receive from them will be ours no more in this life. Let us hope that all may so live that when we are called home we shall greet each other in a holier, happier existence beyond the grave.

"I can truly congratulate you upon the happy and prosperous year which has gone by, that no questions have arisen between this and other jurisdictions to disturb the harmony and good feeling which has prevailed. The condition of the Chapters has been generally prosperous; no trouble exists so far as I am aware. I trust that this condition may long continue, and that the true spirit of Masonry and brotherly love may prevail."

The Grand High Priest reported his official acts, and reports the death of Comp. John P. Cooper, Past Grand Scribe. He says:

"He was a conscientious and enthusiastic Mason, giving at regular meetings of Lodge and Chapter his attendance until failing health prevented. No member of his Lodge or Chapter surpassed him in his usefulness or Masonic ability."

He also paid a tribute to the dead of the foreign jurisdictions.

He closed his address as follows:

"The reports of the Council Officers herewith attached show steady progress in most of the Chapters of this jurisdiction. One which for some years has been nearly dormant has apparently taken new lease of life and is exerting itself to resume the high position which it once occupied in doing good and true work.

"My associates and the Past Grand Officers have assisted in many ways to make my duties pleasant; to all of them I extend my most hearty and sincere thanks.

"During the early part of my term I made numerous visits to the Chapters in the northern part of the State, but owing to circumstances beyond my control I have been unable to continue them for the past six months.

"My Companions, I now bid you all a sincere and affectionate farewell, and hope that my acts will meet with your hearty approval; that you will believe if I have erred in judgment it was not due to a desire on my part to act in any other than a Masonic spirit, and it is my earnest wish that you will extend to my successor the same cordial and hearty support you gave to me."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in the Treasury of $1,884.39, and the account of the Trustees showed a balance of $2,858.67.

From the Grand Secretary's tabulated statement of the returns we take the following figures:

"Exalted	201
Reinstated and affiliated	44
Dimitted	41
Died	62
Stricken from the roll	1
Suspended	67
Present membership	3,559
Gain	74"

The following interesting incident was reported:

"Companion George B. Edwards addressed the Grand Chapter upon the subject of the Loving Cup presented to him by the Royal Craft of the jurisdiction on the occasion of the previous Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and while expressing his desire to retain ownership of this

special mark of esteem during his lifetime, stated that he wished to provide for its future by dedicating the gift to the Grand Chapter, as "The Royal Arch Loving Cup of New Jersey," the passing of which should be established as an ordinance at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter, in renewal of Masonic friendship and perpetuation of loving memories. The bequest was accepted and the ordinance established."

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. Charles Belcher, and comprises 133 pages, in which the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed in his usual able and interesting manner.

Pennsylvania receives a fraternal notice of five pages for 1900.

He has the following to say of the address of Comp. Michael W. Jacobs, Grand High Priest:

"The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by M. E. Companion Grand High Priest Michael William Jacobs, who presented his annual report of nine pages, in which he congratulates the Grand Chapter upon the prosperity of the Craft within the jurisdiction and a generally harmonious condition of affairs. He speaks approvingly of the increased familiarity with the ritual on the part of the officers of the Chapters. Appropriate reference is made to those who have been called to rest from their labors. He speaks in a kindly and appreciative way of the cordial relations existing between their Grand Chapter and our own, and expresses his regret at his inability to meet with us in Annual Convocation."

He writes at length of Comp. Henderson's opening of our report, and among other things says: "His tribute to the memory of his co-laborer, Comp. J. Simpson Africa, is an honest, outspoken expression of appreciation of an exceptionally estimable man and Mason."

He agrees with Comp. Henderson in regard to the action of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas on the liquor question.

Comp. William H. Grosscup was elected Grand High Priest and Comp. George B. Edwards, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK, 1901.

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York convened at Albany, February 5, 1901.

M. E. Joseph A. Crane, Grand High Priest, was in the Chair; eleven Past Grand High Priests and representatives of 189 Subordinate Chapters were present. Only one subordinate Chapter not being represented.

The proceedings has as a frontispiece a portrait in steel of M. E. Joseph A. Crane, Grand High Priest.

We take the following from the opening of the Grand High Priest's address:

"We meet to-day in the One Hundred and Fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

"For a period extending over a century, our Grand Body of Capitular Masonry has existed, and its history is replete with illustrations of the beneficence of the Craft, and examples of the nobility of its principles and the sublimity of its teaching. There have been the grace and charm of Fraternity, coupled with the virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, lastingly and beneficially implanted in the hearts of its multitude of votaries.

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"To the younger Companions who appear here to-day for the first time as the representatives of their Chapters, I heartily extend congratulations upon their attainment of official preferment by the favor of their Companions, and I would say to each that much is expected of you in the efforts you shall put forth to promote the interest of your Chapters, yet be not over-zealous in your ambition to increase your membership, lest some material prove unworthy and disrupt the harmony of the institution. Quality rather than quantity is the basis of enduring structures.

"Among many beautiful lessons inculcated by Masonry, there is one in which we are taught to revere the government and the laws of our country. Within a short period of time this lesson received patriotic answer, when the interest and honor of our nation was in jeopardy. We should render grateful thanks to that all-wise Providence who is turning the sword into ploughshares, and has so changed the conditions affecting the questions at issue that war has given way to practical peace.

"A general review of the work of this Grand Chapter for the past year

offers much encouragement; everywhere appears evidence of prosperity, and in many Chapters a very material increase in membership. In my home Chapter—Hamilton—we are proud to record an increase of 97, making a total membership of 816. It is a matter for mutual congratulation that a year of harmony and of satisfactory progress is recorded in the annals of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction."

He reports the death of two Past Grand High Priests, viz.:

M. E. Richard H. Huntington, who died February 8, 1900, at Watertown, in the sixty-sixth year of his age. He first attended the Grand Chapter as the King of his Chapter in 1869, and from that time he was present at every one of the thirty-one Convocations up to the time of his death.

M. E. David Fisher Day, who died at his home in Buffalo, August 21, 1900, aged seventy-one years. He was prominent in all the bodies of Masonry, and in his city he held many positions of honor, among which was the Presidency of the Board of Managers of the Buffalo State Normal School and member of the Board of Park Commissioners.

He reports the constitution of two new Chapters; one at Northport, Long Island, and one at Suffern, Rockland County.

He also granted a dispensation for a new chapter to be held at Attica, Wyoming County, and one at Ticonderoga.

The Grand High Priest reported a number of dispensations granted and decisions. Of the latter we report the following, not for comment, but because it may be of interest to the Companions:

"I received from a Chapter the following query: We have a member of our Chapter who is of unsound mind. We permitted him to enter and engage in balloting on petitions; the ballot was dark and he admitted he did it. Can the balloting be reconsidered and a new ballot taken providing all those who were present be notified that a new ballot will be taken? To which I replied: A petition for the degrees having been rejected, the petitioner cannot again make application until the expiration of six months from the time of rejection (see Section 62).

"There is no provision or remedy prescribed for the actions of persons of unsound mind when they are permitted to engage in the sacred duty of balloting."

From one of his decisions we find quite a difference in the law from Pennsylvania, and that is, the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of New York requires that at least two weeks must elapse between the conferring of the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees. In Pennsylvania the two degrees can be conferred the same evening.

He closes his address as follows:

In conclusion, I desire to offer thanks to the officers and members of this Grand Chapter for their hearty co-operation in all matters pertaining to the interest and welfare of our Royal Craft.

"To our Grand Secretary I am deeply indebted. His wise counsel and advice have many times dissolved perplexing situations. All matters submitted to him have received prompt and courteous treatment. It is my earnest prayer that he may long be spared to continue in his present capacity.

"And now, Companions, within a short space of time the burden of responsibility with which I have been clothed will be transferred to another. But the crown of honor which I bear will still remain to perpetuate the love and loyalty I entertain for the Companions of this Grand Chapter."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the "total of funds" to be $11,468.20.

From the Grand Secretary's report we take the following figures:

"Exalted	1,664
Affiliated	144
Restored	204
Dimitted	222
Suspended, n. p. d.	485
Suspended, unmasonic conduct	2
Expelled	1
Died	354
Net increase	948
Present membership	22,204"

Here is something we do not do in Pennsylvania:

"The Representatives of Grand Chapters present were then introduced, received with the customary honors and welcomed by the Grand High Priest in an address suitable to the occasoin, to which a fitting response was made by R. E. Rollin M. Morgan, Representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, in behalf of his associates."

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico was recognized.

An amendment to the Constitution was offered requiring that at least two weeks shall elapse between the conferring of the Mark and Most Excellent degrees. It was reported unfavorably by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The election of Grand High Priest resulted in the re-election of M. E. Joseph A. Crane, who said, while he appreciated the honor and heartily thanked the Companions, his business and official relations were of such a pressing nature that he felt obliged to decline.

Another ballot was had, and R. E. J. Harris Balston, of New York, was elected.

The following pleasant episode occurred after the election of the Deputy Grand High Priest:

"The Grand High Priest resumed his station, and the further election of officers was suspended preparatory to the reception of Comp. The Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, Lieutenant-Governor of the State.

"Comp. Woodruff was introduced into the Grand Chapter, escorted by M. E. Frederick E. Barnes, Past Grand High Priest; was heartily welcomed by the Grand High Priest in a felicitous address, to which a happy response was made by the honored visitor, expressing the pleasure he felt in meeting so many of the representatives of the Chapters throughout the State, and lauding Masonry as an incentive to the practice, among its votaries, as an example to all men, of morality and brotherly love."

The Grand Chaplain, Rev. James Byron Murray, delivered his annual address, the subject being "Masonry, a Structure of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty." It is printed in full in the proceedings.

The Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. George J. Gardner, who presents his twelfth annual report.

Pennsylvania is reviewed for 1899 in a fraternal manner.

He refers to the decision of the Grand High Priest in regard to jurisdiction.

He says the address of the Grand High Priest, Comp. Michael William Jacobs, is an able and carefully prepared paper, that it contains much matter of local interest, and instructive and interesting items for the Craft at large. He makes liberal quotations from his address.

Comp. Gardner's report is fully as good as those of preceding years, and we wish we had more time and space to devote to it, for there is much that we know would be interesting to the Companions, but we will leave him after copying part of his conclusion, which is as follows:

"We have now reached the end of our twelfth annual prilgrimage.

"In viewing the ground covered by our report, we find harmony reigning everywhere. A slight friction exists as between the Supreme Grand Chapters of Scotland and New South Wales, alluded to in our report of those bodies. The obnoxious resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of Washington, which aroused the ire of the Grand Chapter of Texas, causing a withdrawal of Grand Representatives, have been rescinded, and, we judge, from silence on this point, that the breach has been healed. The various Committees on Grievances, as a general thing, report 'that no matters have been assigned to us,' and only occasionally a case of invasion of jurisdiction looms up, causing a temporary irritation, easily assuaged by a financial recompense, such offences occurring more through ignorance of jurisdictional lines than from any willful intentions. About all the old vexed questions of matters upon which doctors disagreed have been obliterated. Some of the disputants have passed over to that country where controversies never arise, others have become weary with a paper contest and have laid aside the provoking pen, satisfied that life is too short to spend it in strife and contention.

"The long lists of the departed, as presented by the different Grand High Priests in their addresses, remind us that we are fast passing over to that 'undiscovered country,' and the eloquent eulogies pronounced

upon those who have been faithful workers in the quarries encourages the living to work on in the good cause until they are called to their eternal rest. Owing to our limited space we have been obliged to omit these tender tributes of respect to those who have fallen in life's battle, embracing the young, the middle-aged and the gray-haired sire; those who have just entered upon official life, as well as those who for years had borne 'the heat and burden of the day.' "

R. E. Christopher G. Fox, of Buffalo, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1901.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina held its Fifty-third Annual Convocation at Greensboro, May 14, 1901.

Comp. James K. Norfleet, Grand High Priest, opened the Grand Chapter and all but three of the Grand Officers were present, five Past Grand High Priests, and ten Subordinate Chapters were represented. Our Grand Representative Comp. H. C. Atkinson was absent.

The proceedings contain portraits of Comp. James K. Norfleet, Grand High Priest, 1900; Comp. William F. Randolph, Grand High Priest, 1899, and Comp. M. S. Willard, Grand High Priest, 1898.

The Grand High Priest opened his address welcoming the Companions to the Convocation and hoping their deliberations in the first Convocation of the new century would result in the upbuilding of Capitular Masonry in their jurisdiction.

He pays a tribute to the dead of sister Grand Chapters, and then pays the following tribute to the memory of Comp. Horace H. Munson, Grand Secretary:

"The relentless reaper death has not passed us by, and we are called upon to mourn one of our brightest and best.

"On September 9, 1900, at his home in Wilmington, the final summons came to our beloved Companion Horace H. Munson, Grand Secre-

tary and Past Grand High Priest, of this jurisdiction. Official notice of his death was sent out from this office and ordered inscribed on a memorial page in the records of subordinate Chapters.

"No words of mine can adequately express our regard for him in life —our grief at his death. Genial, kind, true, a faithful friend and a zealous Mason.

"'For him the laborer's task is o'er,
For him the battle day is past.'

"Full of years and honors, he has gone to his reward."

He adds:

"The ranks of our subordinate Chapters also have been seriously invaded, and sixteen Companions have been called to present life's work for final inspection. Let us hope that their work was found 'good work,' square and true, and that from the Master Overseer of the Universe they heard the welcome words, 'Entitled to wages.'"

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comp. Horace H. Munson, the Grand Secretary, he appointed Comp. James C. Munds, of Wilmington.

The Grand High Priest issued a number of dispensations, the most of them to allow Chapters to ballot on petitions without lapse of constitutional time.

He congratulates the Companions that the increased per capita dues and the fees for dispensations have produced sufficient revenue for the expenses of the Grand Chapter and that they are now out of debt.

He closes his address in the following language:

"I desire to sincerely thank the Companions for the high honor conferred in so unexpectedly electing me to this exalted office one year ago. I entered upon its duties with fear and trembling, but am thankful to say that no serious question has been brought before me for decision, and that peace and harmony have prevailed among the Royal Craft.

"Before closing, I desire to say that my official labors have been lightened and the duties of the office rendered pleasant and easy by the efficient assistance afforded me in all matters of correspondence by Grand Secretary James C. Munds, to whom I feel greatly indebted."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of $461.59.

From the Grand Secretary's report we take the following:

"Number of Chapters	22
Exalted	80
Admitted and reinstated	11
Suspended and excluded	26
Withdrawn	16
Died	16
Present membership	797
Gain	33"

The Report on Foreign Correspondence comprises 115 pages, and is by Comp. James Southgate, and he reviews the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is given four pages of his report.

He says:

"The address of the Grand High Priest is an able and lucid account of his transactions during the year, also including the more important facts pertaining to the Quarterly Convocations."

On the death of Comp. J. Simpson Africa he writes as follows:

"The Report on Correspondence is this year written by a quartette instead of a quintette, as usual, owing to the removal by death of one of the Companions, viz., J. S. Africa, and we, as a member of the reportorial corps, send sympathy and regrets to the Companions of Pennsylvania for the loss of this great and good man, who recently closed his services as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. His emblem of authority has been laid aside and he has gone to draw designs upon the Eternal trestleboard in the skies."

Comp. Southgate closes his excellent report in the following language:

"While we have been on the Committee of Foreign Correspondence for nearly twenty-five years, yet this is only our eighteenth report. For

various reasons some of our reports, though prepared, were not printed, and some of these years ill-health prevented their being written. We can say truly that never before have we enjoyed more fully the perusal of any set of proceedings than those just completed. It is sad to note that some of the Reporters have dropped out of the ranks to answer their last roll call, while others, tired and weary of the journey by reason of affliction and age, are seen, as it were, sitting by the wayside, resting under the shade of the trees, awaiting the dread summons to go up higher. New and fresh blood is coming into the Corps of Correspondents and the work goes on. From year to year, along down the ages, these Craftsmen will bring up work for inspection, and after completing their destiny will in time stand aside and others will fill their places. That Peace 'which flows as a river' seems to pervade the ranks of Capitular Masonry, and our prayer is that the good work may go on to the remotest ages."

Comp. De Witt E. Allen, of Charlotte, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. James C. Munds, of Wilmington, was elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1901.

The Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota was held in the Masonic Temple, at Fargo, June 20, 1901.

The proceedings are embellished with a portrait of DeWitte C. Moore, Grand High Priest, 1900-01.

Grand High Priest Moore opened the Grand Chapter, and all but one of his Grand Officers were present, seven Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of thirteen Chapters.

Leonard A. Rose, P. G. H. P., the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, was present.

In opening his address the Grand High Priest says:

"It seems to me that as we meet each year in these, our annual reunions, the hand grasp becomes more hearty, and the eye beams with additional lustre as we greet each familiar face, and who can doubt that

the friendships made and ripened here will tend to make us better men and better Masons?

"As citizens we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the peaceful and happy condition of our people and the prospects of an abundant harvest, with increasing prosperity, and the fact that during the past year no such calamities have been visited upon us as have fallen to the lot of some of our sister jurisdictions, the most notable one being the State of Texas.

"You will remember the shudder of horror which involuntarily passed over us as we read of the utter ruin, destruction, desolation and death visited upon the beautiful city of Galveston, when more than 6,000 of our fellow-beings were suddenly called to the great Beyond, and millions upon millions of property scattered and destroyed in that wild, watery waste."

The Grand High Priest pays a tribute to the memory of Comp. William Craswell, who died February 12, 1901, and who served the Grand Chapter as Grand Treasurer from 1890 to 1894. He also refers to the deaths of a number of Companions of other Jurisdictions.

In regard to the Subordinate Chapters, he says:

"That the subordinate Chapters throughout this jurisdiction are well officered and in good hands is proven by the fact that no questions have been submitted for me to pass upon."

In their State it is necessary to have a dispensation to substitute Companions to "complete a team" for the Royal Arch Degree, and he refused an application for a dispensation to do this, saying, "Such a dispensation should not be issued except under the most extraordinary circumstances, if at all." In our own State we substitute Companions whenever necessary without a dispensation.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed a balance on hand of $1,403.44.

The Grand Secretary has the following to say in regard to the returns from Subordinate Chapters.

"From the returns I find that during the year 63 were exalted as

against 112 the preceding year. The work of exaltation is the smallest for a number of years, showing the effect of the hard times in the State. Our present membership is 1,025, as against 1,004 last year, making a total gain of only 21. The total amount received for dues and fees is $1,004.25, as against $1,121.25 the preceding year. Only two Chapters report no exaltations during the year. The highest number exalted was in Keystone, No. 5, at Fargo, showing 21, followed by Doric Chapter, No. 8, at Devil's Lake, with 12."

In regard to the lack of interest in the Chapter degrees, Grand Secretary Thompson says:

"We are all aware that the Chapter, perhaps, is the greatest struggler in the York Rite system, and this remark does not apply any more to our Grand Jurisdiction than to the rest of the world. We read complaints everywhere of lack of interest in Capitular Masonry. Many have tried to ascertain why such a condition exists, and many have tried to devise ways and means of injecting renewed vigor into the body politic of our institution."

We think we can tell in a very few words why this lack of interest occurs in Capitular Masonry. With too many Companions the Chapter is only the stepping stone to the Commandery and the Brother in the Blue Lodge is so anxious to be called a Sir Knight that he almost forgets, except when notified of his dues, that he is a Companion.

The Grand Chapter of New Zealand was recognized, fraternal greetings were extended and Grand Representatives are to be exchanged.

The retiring Grand High Priest was presented with a jewel.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Fred D. Aplin, of Lisbon, was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Frank J. Thompson was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1900.

The Thirty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia (with jurisdiction over the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland) was held at Halifax, June 12, 1900.

M. E. Comp. George M. Doull, Grand High Priest, opened the Grand Chapter; eight Subordinate Chapters were represented.

The proceedings were of local interest only.

From the Grand Secretary's recapitulation of the returns we take the following:

"Exalted	39
Affiliated and reinstated	7
Suspended and dimitted	36
Missing	26
Died	5
Present membership	695
Loss	21"

The Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $463.06.

The report by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Comp. T. A. Cossman, Chairman, but as a number of different initials appear at the end of each review, the report is evidently the work of a number of Companions. The report comprises over thirty pages.

Pennsylvania's share of the report is written by "McK." and comprises a review of nine lines.

M. E. Comp. A. G. McLean was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Comp. D. H. Campbell re-elected Grand Secretary.

OHIO, 1900.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Ohio was held at Columbus, October 10 and 11, 1900.

The volume of proceedings contains 379 pages and has a portrait of the Grand High Priest, Comp. O. P. Sperra, as a frontispiece.

Out in Ohio they do things differently than we in Pennsylvania, and before the hour of meeting the members of the Grand Chapter were escorted from their headquarters, at the Great Southern Hotel, to the Masonic Temple by Ohio Chapter, No. 12, and Temple Chapter, No. 155, R. A. M., and Mt. Vernon Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar. A Special Convocation of Ohio Chapter, No. 12, was called for the purpose of welcoming the officers and members of the Grand Chapter, and a committee was appointed to escort and introduce the Grand Officers. The High Priest "extended a hearty welcome to the members of the Grand Chapter on behalf of the Companions of Columbus, directed his officers to vacate their stations to the officers of the Grand Chapter, and tendered his gavel to M. E. Grand High Priest O. P. Sperra. In accepting, the Grand High Priest pleasingly responded to the cordial welcome."

After appointing several Grand Officers and a Committee on Credentials, the Committee on Credentials reported that all the living Past Grand High Priests were present—twelve in number—and 140 Chapters were represented. M. E. Comp. J. W. Iredell, Jr., Pennsylvania's Grand Representative, was present and took an active part in the proceedings.

Grand High Priest O. P. Sperra began his address as follows:

"My official term has closed, and I herewith submit, in review, my

actions in behalf of this Grand Body. I might fairly call this an opportune time for congratulating you, and also congratulating myself as well, on the fact that so little of a general nature has been required to be done to continue the harmony and fraternal good-will that has prevailed in this Grand Jurisdiction for so many years.

"Again, our increase in members during the past year is the largest in its history. Our membership one year ago was 15,512, while at the close of the present current year our membership has increased to 16,228, showing a net gain of 716, with grand dues of $6,279.00, a per capita tax of $3,858.75, and received for dispensations $200.00—a grand total of $10,-337.75.

"Again, we are inspired with the knowledge that in many prosperous communities where Capitular Masonry had become dormant and almost wholly inoperative, new life and zeal have been infused, the cobwebs and dust cleared away, and a healthy growth succeeding the rust and decay. In one community a Chapter with a membership of ninety, not having conferred the Mark Master's Degree in four years, has been singularly active the past year, and to its High Priest much credit is due.

"But, my Companions, while flushed with pleasure at these conditions, let us bow our heads in silent memory to the 211 loyal Royal Arch Masons of this jurisdiction who have crossed the border and passed to eternity. May we not in silent prayer hope and trust that our Great Father will have favorably inspected their work and rewarded them accordingly?"

He refers to the fact that no deaths occurred in the official roster of their Grand Chapter, and reports feelingly on the deaths occurring in the other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand High Priest granted dispensations for two new Chapters; one at the village of Chicago, "Golden Rule," and the other at Mechanicsburg, "Star" Chapter. Later in the session, on the recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, a charter was granted for Golden Rule Chapter, but on account of the records kept by the Chapter at Mechanicsburg showing no authority for the organization of a Chapter, and the by-laws adopted not having been recorded in the minutes, the dispensation was continued until the next annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Under Decisions, in the Grand High Priest's address, are the following:

The first, while, he says, not in the nature of a decision, contains good advice, not only for the Companions in Ohio, but everywhere.

"The habit of proselyting or soliciting members to a Masonic body is a dangerous one, and if practiced at all should be tempered with much discretion and prudence. Membership to Masonry in all its branches, and particularly the Chapter, should be prompted, in the first instance, by a favorable conception of the Order from its position and work in the community. The individual member could much better devote his time and energy to the building up of the Chapter itself, and that, when earnestly and well done, will prompt membership without solicitation."

He then gives the following decision, which would not be considered good law in Pennsylvania.

"Held.—That a High Priest of a Chapter can at a Regular Convocation call a Special Convocation for the purpose of balloting for and conferring the Royal Arch Degree, but the minutes of such Regular Convocation should show the purposes for which the special is called."

Another decision was that any member of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in good standing in his Chapter is eligible to the office of High Priest of the Chapter.

"A Companion writes asking if the degrees can be conferred upon one who labors under the physical disability of having lost a part of his leg, to which I replied that the question of physical eligibility is governed by the fact of a candidate being able to conform to the rites, rules, ceremonies and requirements of the several degrees, and that that is to be determined by the Chapter to which application is made to receive the degrees. This is the trend of all Masonic law, not only in Ohio, but elsewhere."

The above paragraph is not one that would receive the sanction of the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania.

The Grand High Priest stated that he had visited many of the Chapters in the State during the year, and in every instance he was invited, and he said further that he accepted

nearly every invitation. He said at every place he was royally entertained and had every courtesy shown him. He thinks nothing is more conducive to good work and the cultivation of a proper feeling among the Companions than visitations made by the principal officers of the Grand Chapter.

He referred to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, held at Cincinnati in 1900, and of the social features provided by the Ohio Companions. He said:

"The entire meeting in all its features was very successful, everything being exceedingly well arranged, and the congratulatory expressions tendered us by the visiting Companions not only served to impress us of the manner in which they enjoyed the entertainment, but was also a fitting closing to this season of festivity and enjoyment."

He closed his address as follows:

"And now, Companions, with no element of discord in your midst, you are commencing the labors of a new century. May all of your reasonable expectations be fully realized, and as I present the gavel to my successor I am constrained, in parting with my official duties, with a heart filled with gratitude, to tender my earnest thanks to my associate officers and the members of this Grand Body who have at all times been ready to aid, counsel and assist me.

"I can safely say that some of the happiest moments of my life have been passed in the service to which you have elevated me, and the associations and friendships that I have had the privilege to enjoy during my services in this Grand Body, no matter what the future may have in store, will be an ever continuing inspiration—a completeness of what the world can give, but can never take away."

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed a balance in his hands of $11,189.06.

We take the following figures from the Report of the Grand Secretary:

"Exalted during the year	1,206
Admitted and reinstated	285
Omitted last year	16

Died	211
Withdrawn	134
Suspended	445
Expelled	1
Present membership	16,228
Gain	716"

The net gain is 343 more than the preceding year and the largest in the history of the Grand Chapter.

"Comp. S. Stacker Williams then announced that for a lifetime he had been collecting a Masonic library, and that he had presented it to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, or rather to the Masons of Ohio, and asked that the Grand Chapter assist in binding the very many Grand Chapter reports in that library, and moved that the question of an appropriation for that purpose be referred to the Committee on Accounts and Finance, and that whatever Grand Chapter may give may be used by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge, which consists of Companions Nelson Williams, J. H. Bromwell and L. P. Schaus. Motion prevailed."

A resolution was adopted commending Comp. O. P. Sperra for the able manner in which he performed the duties of his office and voting him a Past Grand High Priest's jewel.

The Companions of Columbus were also thanked for their courteous reception and fraternal care of the Grand Chapter.

Twenty pages of the proceedings are taken up with the annual reports of the officers of the Ohio Masonic Home, and a cut of the Home is printed. The reports are very full and interesting.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. S. Stacker Williams, and is his ninth report, comprising 163 pages. The review of Pennsylvania is for the year 1899, and is kind and fraternal, but reads almost like a back number in the twentieth century, so that we do not feel like writing of it.

The Companions who have ever received the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Ohio and have read Comp. Williams'

reports know that he is one of the best correspondents in the field of Capitular Masonry.

We sympathize deeply with Comp. Williams in his affliction and trust he may be spared to write many more reports.

We give his conclusion, as follows:

"We have at length arrived in a laborious manner at the close of this report. We have reviewed all proceedings that came to hand, and that means nearly all the proceedings in this country. We cannot tell you what a task it has been with the paralysis to battle with all the time, but as it is, it is finished with the aid of a stenographer, who has typewritten all of it. I have also received some other help in my task, and must speak my gratitude to the good friend who has helped me."

Comp. William M. Cunningham, of Newark, was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Edwin Hagenbuch, of Urbana, was re-elected R. E. Grand Secretary.

OREGON, 1901.

The Forty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oregon was held at Portland, June 10, 1901.

It is one of the handsomest printed volumes of proceedings we received, and this year the frontispiece is a portrait of Comp. O. O. Hodson, Grand High Priest.

When Comp. Hodson opened the Grand Chapter, all but two of his Grand Officers were present, seven Past Grand High Priests, and twenty-two Subordinate Chapters were represented.

During the past year they lost, by death, Comp. James R. Bayley, their Senior Past Grand High Priest. Comp. Bayley was the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near their Grand Chapter. On his death the Grand High Priest issued a circular as follows:

"It becomes my painful duty to announce to you the death of our

Senior Past Grand High Priest, Companion James R. Bayley, who departed this life at his home in Newport, Oregon, May 24, 1901, and whose remains were buried at Corvallis, Oregon, with full Masonic honors, May 26, 1901.

"Companion Bayley was made a Mason in Chandler Lodge, No. 138, of London, Ohio, in 1847. He received the Capitular degrees in Springfield Royal Arch Chapter, Ohio, in 1849, and the Council degrees from Springfield Council the same year. He was knighted in Reed Commandery, of Dayton, Ohio, in 1850, and in 1869, at the hands of Illustrous Albert Pike, he obtained the 32 degree of the A. & A. S. Rite.

"He came to Oregon in 1854, and soon took high rank as a Masonic worker, was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Oregon in 1856, and by regular promotion was made Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1861.

"He was High Priest of Ferguson Chapter, at Corvallis, for twelve years. He was elected Grand High Priest in 1868, and for nine years stood at the head of the Royal Craft in Oregon.

"He was an active worker and an able teacher in all departments of Masonry; therefore, in memory of his eminent services, I direct that this notice be sent to every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, and to every Grand Chapter in fraternal relations with us."

As long as his health would permit, Comp. Bayley was regular in his attendance at the Grand Chapter, representing Pennsylvania, and possibly no other Companion in the Grand Chapter of Oregon was held in higher esteem by his Companions than he. He has gone to his reward and we are sure when his work was presented to the Grand Overseer it was such as entitled him to receive wages.

We clip the following lines from the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

"Perhaps to no other Companion, either living or dead, is the Grand Chapter of Oregon so much indebted for its present existence and its proud position in the list of Grand Chapters as to the earnest and devoted labors of our late and beloved Companion James R. Bayley. With the indomitable will and determined energy which characterized his everyday life, under adverse circumstances, he, with a few other devoted Companions, succeeded in keeping alive the feeble flame that burned upon our altars in the early history of this Grand Body.

"His labors are ended, but we trust he has entered upon that higher and nobler life which can only be reached through the portals of death."

After his tribute to Comp. Bayley, the Grand High Priest refers to the deaths of a number of Companions of other Jurisdictions.

He then gives several decisions, from which we take the following:

"Under Oregon usage Royal Arch Masons known to be in good standing may be counted in making up a quorum, provided either the High Priest, King or Scribe is present to preside."

In our State it takes members to make a quorum, and visitors cannot be counted.

"Regarding the reception of the petition of a saloonkeeper, I know of no law in this Grand Jurisdiction upon this subject, but am of the opinion that there should be, as I do not see how any Mason can keep a saloon and retain his good standing in any Lodge in Oregon, as the Grand Lodge has ruled against it and it should be enforced."

This is a question that has never disturbed the Grand bodies in Pennsylvania.

The Grand High Priest was out of the State for about two and a half months, during which time the duties of his office were attended to by Comp. Henry B. Thielsen, Deputy Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest reports his official acts, among which a number of dispensations were granted to ballot and confer the degrees without waiting the usual time.

He closed his address as follows:

"And now, Companions, the brief record of the year is closed; to me it has been but a pleasing task; without exception, I have had the most cordial support from my associate Grand Officers, and I hereby tender to them my fraternal thanks. To the members of the Grand Chapter, who so highly honored me in choosing me to the highest office within your gift, I wish to express my profoundest appreciation of your favor, and to

assure you that it will ever be my truest happiness to labor for your success and the honor of our Grand Chapter."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $2,142.85.

We take the following from the Report of the Grand Secretary:

"Number of Chapters	25
Exalted, admitted and reinstated	151
Struck from roll, suspended and expelled	12
Dimitted	10
Died	22
Number of members	1,509
Net gain	107"

All the Chapters made returns and paid their dues.

Their largest Chapter has 190 members, and the smallest, 13 members.

A Committee was appointed to procure suitable regalia for the Grand Chapter.

We take the following from the Standing Orders and Resolutions:

"18. Resolved, That it is unmasonic for any High Priest in this jurisdiction to induct a candidate until after he has selected a Mark and it has been duly recorded in the Lodge Book of Marks."

That is certainly a good plan to have all marks recorded.

"26. Resolved, That any Royal Arch Mason in good standing who has been a contributing member to any Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction for twenty years or more, may, at the option of the particular Chapter of which he is then a member, be relieved from all Chapter dues, and that this Grand Chapter relieve the Subordinate Chapter from the payment of Grand Chapter dues on such member."

"27. Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that every Brother who comes within the vails should come of his own free will and accord, and it is recommended that Chapters should discourage petitions from Brethren immediately after their taking Master Mason's degree, and that solicitation of candidates is strongly condemned."

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. J. M. Hodson, and comprises 106 pages, and is fully up to his standard of excellence.

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed in four pages, and he says our proceedings "are always elegant specimens of the art preservative, and this year is up to the usual standard."

He notes the election of Comp. Edward B. Spencer, their Representative, as Grand High Priest and adds, "we have no doubt about his making a good one."

He writes of our four quarterly communications and one annual; the annual, he says, "being more for installation, speech-making and having a real Royal Arch reunion than anything else." He thinks the attendance is not as good as it should be, and says he is not sure but that having so many Convocations in the year has something to do with it, and adds:

"We think more real work could be done and better attendance secured by a three or four days' session at which all, or nearly all, would participate than in having the meetings occur so frequently and of so brief sessions. The Companions, except the regulars, scarcely have time to get acquainted. But Pennsylvania is an old and highly developed Grand Chapter, in no way accountable to anybody on earth, and if they wish to meet eight times a year it's all right."

He has this complimentary notice of the decisions of the Grand High Priests:

"The decisions of the Grand High Priest of this jurisdiction are the law until changed, modified or reversed by another Grand High Priest. The Grand Chapter does not seem to have any say in the matter, and they have been so wise in their choice of executive heads that no other Grand Jurisdiction has been any more prosperous."

He has the following to say in regard to conferring the Past Master's degree in Lodges in Pennsylvania instead of in the Chapters:

"We generally endorse Pennsylvania as being the representative of the

most ancient Royal Arch usage, and possibly she may be in this case, but we think it time some Masonic Martin Luther had reformed her. The idea of the Blue Lodge controlling a degree of the Chapter! And yet Royal Arch Masonry, claiming to be a complete organization of its own, has always been to our mind an absurdity. And, further, the idea of a Lodge electing and installing a whole lot of 'make-believe Masters,' having often as many as half a dozen regularly 'elected and installed' Masters, and yet only one 'sure enough' Master in a year, is still more peculiar. We cannot think of a single reason, symbolical or otherwise, that justifies it. If the old system of attaching Chapters to Blue Lodges and conferring the Royal Arch by authority of the Lodge charter, then there would be more reason, but to cling to the useless features of the English, not conformable to the American system, does not suit us."

We give the following extract from the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, held under the protection of and supported by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, unanimously agreed to and established at a Grand Chapter held in Philadelphia, February 24, 1798, and confirmed in Grand Lodge, March 5, 1798."

Rule III is as follows:

"That no Brother shall be admitted into the H. R. A. but he who has regularly and faithfully passed through the three progressive degrees, and has filled and performed the office of *Worshipful Master* in his Lodge to the satisfaction of his Brethren, or *passed the Chair by a dispensation of the R. W. Grand Master upon the recommendation of his said Lodge.*"

Then follows the form of certificate to be given one who has passed the Chair by dispensation.

Now don't attempt to Martin Luther Pennsylvania, Comp. Hodson, for there is the law, and an old law, too, passed when there were *very few* Grand Chapters in the world. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania always held to that rule, and the Grand Master or his Deputies issues the dispensation to "pass the Chair" to-day the same as he did over a century ago.

Comp. Henry B. Thielsen was elected Grand High Priest,

and Comp. James F. Robinson was re-elected Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1901.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Quebec held its Twenty-fourth Annual Grand Convocation in Montreal, January 29, 1901.

M. E. Comp. H. L. Fuller, Grand First Prin. Z., opened the Grand Chapter, with all but three of his Grand Officers present, eight Past Grand Z's, and all of their ten Chapters were represented. R. E. Comp. A. A. Stevenson, Pennsylvania's Grand Representative, was present.

In opening his address the Grand Z. says:

"I extend to you hearty greetings and a cordial welcome to this our Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation.

"I congratulate Grand Chapter on the quiet, steady progress Capitular Masonry has made in this Province.

"Owing to our peculiar surroundings, we may not look forward to any sudden accession of membership, contenting ourselves, as we slowly advance, that we are quietly but steadily planting the principles of our Royal Craft in this Province."

He says "peace and harmony during the past year have prevailed, not only in our own jurisdiction, but also in all our relations with sister jurisdictions."

The Grand Z. pays a tribute to the memory of Queen Victoria, and says of the King:

"May our King, and I have no doubt from the light he has received, prove to be a worthy son of a noble mother. His active connection with our Great Fraternity is well known. Our profound sympathy goes out to him and the Royal Family, with assurances of our sincere attachment and devotion."

During the previous year M. E. Comp. Frank Edgar, who was the third Grand First Prin. Z. of their Chapter, died, and the Grand Z. pays a tribute to his memory.

He gives an account of his visitations, dispensations issued and Representatives appointed, and closes his address thanking the M. E. the Grand Scribe E. for his wise counsel and assistance.

The returns of the Subordinate Chapters show the following:

"Received, affiliated and restored	88
Died	10
Withdrawn and suspended	13
Present membership	590
Increase	65"

The Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of $734.07.

The Benevolent Fund amounts to $968.95.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, and comprises sixty-four pages.

Pennsylvania is reviewed for 1899. He copies the conclusion by Comp. Stockton Bates entire, and says:

> "There is a whole sermon in one of the above paragraphs, where we are well told to look to our own endeavors, and not remain satisfied with simply voting relief to others out of a general fund, to which, perhaps, we have never contributed. Yet this, it is to be feared, is about the extent of some Masons' charity!"

M. E. Comp. G. O. Stanton, of Montreal, was elected Grand Z., and R. E. Comp. Will H. Whyte, re-elected Grand Scribe E.

RHODE ISLAND, 1901.

The One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island was held in Providence, March 12, 1901.

M. E. Horace S. Richardson, Grand High Priest (whose portrait adorns the proceedings as a frontispiece) called the Grand Chapter to order, with all but one of his Grand Officers

present, eight Past Grand High Priests, and ten Chapters represented. M. E. Albert L. Anthony, Past Grand High Priest and Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, was present and took an active part in the proceedings.

M. E. Isaiah Baker and M. E. John H. Barlow, Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, were introduced by M. E. Albert L. Anthony, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, and most cordially welcomed by the Grand High Priest, and responded with a few remarks expressive of their pleasure in being present and of cordial greeting on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

The Grand High Priest delivered his address and said he had visited all but two of the Chapters in the State, and some of them several times. The reason for not visiting the two was that they held meetings so infrequently and did not have any work. He gives a detailed account of his visits to the various Chapters.

Under the head of Dispensations he says:

"I have granted several dispensations allowing Chapters to change time of regular meetings, two of them falling on a holiday and one on account of a celebration interfering with the attendance of the officers of the Chapter, but have refused all requests for permission to ballot out of time or for communicating the degrees.

"Two dispensations have been granted permitting Chapters to hold public installations, one to Pawtucket Chapter, on October 31st, and the other to Temple Chapter, of Warren, January 22, 1901. At both of these ceremonies a very large number of the Companions, their ladies and friends were present and greatly enjoyed the services, an elaborate musical programme at each adding greatly to their effectiveness, and at Warren a very fine address on Royal Arch Masonry was delivered by M. E. Companion Armington."

The Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania would not grant dispensations to hold public installations.

The Grand Chapter a year ago voted jewels to each of the living Past Grand High Priests, and the Grand High Priest says that one of the most pleasant duties that fell to his lot was the presentation of these jewels, and he presented them, as far as possible, in the Chapters where the Past Grand High Priests belonged.

The Grand High Priest closed his address as follows:

"The general prosperity of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction is greatly to be commended, and is sufficient proof that all our Chapters are governed by a competent board of officers, and for this reason I have no recommendations whatever to offer. In closing this account of my official acts for the year, I desire to express my thanks to the officers of this Grand Chapter who have so ably assisted me during the year, and to the officers and members of the subordinate Chapters for the uniform kindness and courtesy which have been extended to me whenever I have visited them."

The assets of the Grand Chapter amount to $5,268.78.

From the Report of the Grand Secretary we take the following:

"Exalted and admitted	171
Died and dimitted	61
Dropped	29
Present membership	2,728
Gain	81"

The Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Comp. Ellsworth H. Hults, of Philadelphia, died February 6, 1902. He was a very active Mason, popular with his brethren, a prominent and influential citizen of Philadelphia, and his death was mourned by a large circle of friends.

A portrait and sketch of the life of Past Grand High Priest Robert S. Franklin, who served as Grand High Priest 1889-90, is given.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. Henry W. Rugg, and comprises about forty pages.

In his opening he has the following to say:

"Our reading of the transactions of Grand Chapters shows that interest in Royal Arch Masonry is well maintained, that the administration of affairs is generally efficient, and that everywhere there is manifest a purpose to maintain the principles which are fundamental in the Masonic system. As we enter upon the new century we may surely feel and say that the times are propitious—the signs auspicious—justifying the confidence that our ancient institution is moving along an ascending way to apply its forces in multiplied agencies of power and usefulness."

Pennsylvania receives a fraternal notice, and he has the following to say of our proceedings, all of which must go to the credit of Comp. Charles Cary, our Grand Secretary:

"The proceedings of few Masonic organizations surpass in general attractiveness those issued by the Grand Masonic Bodies of Pennsylvania. The volume now in hand is noticeable by reason of its illumined cover, its several steel plate engravings, and not less by the good quality of paper on which it is printed, the clear text, and excellent grouping of subjects."

Comp. Rugg closes his report as follows:

"God help us to stand in our places—to be faithful and true in all the duties of related life—to cultivate the fellowship which brings so much of zest to kindred souls, and not to be weary in well-doing."

M. E. Fayette E. Bennett, of Hope Valley, was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. William R. Greene, re-elected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1899-1901.

Twelfth Annual, Sioux Falls, June 13, 1901. Chapters, 28; members, 1,637; increase, 80.

M. E. Martin G. Carlisle, Grand High Priest.

R. E. George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

Chapters represented, 24.

Assets, $1,128.06.

We have been very much interested in reading the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, and especially interested in its Correspondence Report by Past Grand High Priest L. G. Levoy.

The retiring Grand High Priest, Martin G. Carlisle, is honored with an excellent half-tone photo-engraving. He regrets that business cares prevented him from giving more time to the discharge of official duties during his year in office.

He reports the death of Past Grand High Priest Samuel J. Coyne, on January 22, 1901, at Aberdeen.

A dispensation was granted to organize Lookout Chapter, N. D., at Spearfish. No decisions were needed.

M. E. Comp. Benjamin F. Ives, Grand Lecturer, visited many Chapters during the year giving instructions and assisting conferring degrees. He says, "The great trouble with most of the Chapters I find to be a lack of qualified workers," and recommends legislation requiring proficiency in the degrees already received as a prerequisite to advancement.

The Grand Lecturer was complimented for his efficient work and an appropriation made to continue his services.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters recommend granting a Charter to Lookout Chapter; also that two Chapters which have not reported for two years be deprived of their Charters unless the proper reports and returns be re-

ceived by the Grand Secretary on or before October 1, 1901. The report was concurred in. From the able Report of the Special Committee, concerning the probable early death of Comp. T. S. Parvin, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, we extract the folllowing:

"For fifty-eight years he has stood at the helm of Iowa Masonry, bringing his great mental powers to bear for the aggrandizement and betterment of the Institution that he loved so well. Not only in Iowa has his light shone. In the territorial days of Dakota his was the helping hand, the personality that stood by us in the organization and constituting the governing bodies of Masonry in the then Territory. Later, at its division into two States, it was he again who, despite his years and increasing infirmities, forgot not those whom he had fostered into being, and in his love for us traveled fast and far to be with us and constitute us as the governing power in Masonry in our respective States.

"Companions, it is this personality, the loss of this Prince in Israel that causes the solemn utterance that woe is about to envelop us in its sable clouds.

"Would that prayers of ours could be spoken for his recovery and be efficacious, but from what we learn this cannot be: the silver cord is about to be loosened, the golden bowl about to be broken, and the pitcher has gone for the last time to the fountain, and all that is mortal of our Grand Foster Father, Friend and Benefactor, Theodore Sutton Parvin, will soon be laid away with his fathers.

"If it were necessary that the Craft of Iowa should need a reminder of his greatness to hand down to posterity, the Grand Lodge Library at Cedar Rapids, whose birth he caused and whose unceasing care ever since has brought it to its present position, would ever be a lasting monument, but we feel that his greatest monument will be the hearts of his 30,000 Brethren in that great Masonic State that will treasure his memory and will hand down to future generations as a precious heritage the brilliant rays of his Masonic life and knowledge and his efforts for the Institution of Masonry in general and the Grand Lodge of Iowa in particular."

The proceedings of forty-seven Chapters, including Pennsylvania, are reviewed in the Report on Correspondence, by M. E. Comp. L. G. Levoy, covering fifty-three pages.

M. E. Samuel J. Moore, Grand High Priest.

R. E. George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The Seventy-second Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter was held in Masonic Temple, Nashville, January 28, 1901.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Angel S. Myers, delivered an address which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

He stated:

"Our Craft is in a fairly prosperous condition, peace and tranquility pervade our ranks and the Companions vie with each other as to who can best work and best agree, and

" 'May joy be yours to bless the world
With Charity and Love,
Until the Master's voice shall call
Each weary heart above.' "

Eleven dispensations were granted during the year to elect and install officers, one to form a new Chapter. Several interesting visitations are noted, one to Chattanooga, being the occasion of the dedication of their magnificent Temple. Of this he says:

"The exercises at the Temple consisted of dedicatory service by the M. W. Grand Master, assisted by other Grand Officers. This was followed by a short address by the Grand High Priest, after which the Knights Templar performed their ceremony. Then came an address by our gifted orator, Companion H. H. Ingersoll, P. G. M., which was choice in diction, eloquent in delivery, soul inspiring and captivating." [Companion Ingersoll, we note, is the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Chapter.] "Then followed an event which is cheering to relate. A Brother made a statement that the new Temple had issued some interest-bearing bonds. He wanted some of them donated, and in an incredibly short space of time $3,100 was relinquished."

Among the questions decided, the Grand High Priest thought it was not necessary to reinstall the Scribe and Treasurer of Chapter 131, who had been re-elected.

As in Pennsylvania, the installation obligation is to discharge the duties of the office "for the Masonic year ending on St. John's day next;" it is, therefore, our practice always to reinstall all officers who have been re-elected.

Speaking of the official reports of several Grand Visitors, the Grand High Priest says:

"That the results are no better is no fault of the visitors, some of them being ready and willing to visit the Chapters in their districts, but they appear not to be wanted. Such being the case, it might be well to dispense with the system of visitation. The Committee on Jurisprudence, in their report, which was adopted, say: 'With reference to the Grand Visitors, we recommend that the system be dispensed with, as we believe they have outlived their usefulness.' "

The Committee on Ways and Means recommmend:

"In view of the surplus now existing in the Treasury, that the per capita tax be reduced from 75 to 60 cents. Adopted."

Comp. William S. Findlay was elected Grand High Priest.

Comp. William A. Clendening, Grand Secretary.

Comp. Charles Comstock was requested to take charge of the work and exemplify one of the Chapter Degrees to each Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary's Report, for the year ending December 31, 1900, shows 68 Chapters, 17 being in East Tennessee, 31 in Middle Tennessee and 20 in West Tennessee. The report gives the number, name and location of the Chapter, dues for 1900, the name of the High Priest and Secretary, and the detail of the work, which makes the following exhibit of dues paid during the year, $2,816.60; exaltations, 213; admissions, 34; restorations, 18; withdrawals, 102; suspensions. U. C., 1; suspensions, N. P. D., 105; expulsions, 1; deaths, 38; total membership, 2,721.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand

Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held in Freemasons' Hall, on January 29, 1901. Rev. J. C. Cowan was elected M. E. Grand President for the ensuing year; Bradford Nichol, Most Excellent Grand Recorder. A list of the members of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, alphabetically arranged, including the living and the dead, from its origin, is printed, covering seven double-column pages. High Priests elected are eligible to receive the Order of High Priesthood upon presenting a written petition. The fee for the degree, including a certificate, is $2. Of course our Pennsylvania Companions will understand that we do not have any such separate organization, and that the Order of High Priesthood is conferred upon every High Priest elected, at the time of his installation as such.

The By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, amended and approved January 29, 1895, are printed in the report.

We note Article VIII, Section 1, that the Grand Visitors are the appointees of the Grand High Priest for each Congressional District, whose duty it shall be, as the immediate representatives of the Grand High Priest, to take the oversight of the Chapters in their districts respectively; to visit them when requested at the expense of the Chapter visited; to instruct them in the work and lectures of the Chapter Degrees, and to impart such information in relation to the transaction of business by Chapters as may be necessary. These visitors appear to have been done away with upon the adoption of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. Their duties seem to correspond with those of what are known in Pennsylvania as the District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Article XVII states that in the absence of the High Priest of a Chapter his powers and prerogatives vest in the King and Scribe in succession, and in the absence of all three officers,

the Junior Past High Priest present may open the Chapter and preside.

The Pennsylvania High Priest is informed, when installed, that in the absence of himself, his King and Scribe, his Chapter cannot be opened nor any work done, except by some one specially authorized by the Grand High Priest.

Article XX authorizes the payment of $2 per diem to Representatives of Subordinate Chapters and 5 cents per mile traveled one way, except when in attendance on the meeting of the Grand Lodge, in which event he is not entitled to mileage from the Grand Chapter.

Article XXIV declares that the Degree of Royal Arch Mason shall not be conferred upon any brother until he shall have selected and recorded his mark. The adoption of this rule in Pennsylvania would undoubtedly secure the selection and recording of many marks which now, being left largely to the discretion of the Companions, find their way very slowly upon the book of marks.

Article XLII states that the use of substitutes is not a violation of the ritual nor of the installation charges delivered to a High Priest, but they should be used only to complete a class when necessary.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. Henry H. Ingersoll. It covers ninety-two pages and is full of interesting and instructive matter.

He introduces his report as follows:

"Companions:—Your Correspondent herewith submits his Seventh Annual Report of the condition of the Royal Craft in other Grand Jurisdictions as shown by Report of Proceedings at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Bodies.

"Whether you believe that Freemasonry is or is not a religion, you will surely agree that it is a system of morality and a bond of fraternity, and, therefore, depends for its vital force upon noble sentiments which excite its votaries to the practice of virtue. The Royal Craft in any juris-

diction, therefore, will not prosper unless it be animated by the true spirit of Freemasonry; and so the chief item of this report everywhere shall be the expression of sentiment by the officers of the various Grand Bodies, so that you may judge whether our English-speaking Companions elsewhere are animated by the same lofty purpose which we profess at home.

"Next you will wish to know their methods in effecting these purposes and the measure of success attained thereby, that you may perchance avoid or adopt them with profit in our own State. These matters, too, you will find with occasional comment from your Correspondent, and if from this fraternal labor may result a report which shall give you pleasure or profit, or possibly both, he will experience the gratification following the successful result of earnest effort."

We cull a few of the many passages in Comp. Ingersoll's report which have aroused our attention by reason of their wit or their wisdom.

In California a Companion asks reference to the Committee on Jurisprudence of the following:

"Has the High Priest of a Chapter the right to discard the robes in conferring the Royal Arch degree and order his officers to appear and work in dress suits, with white chokers, etc.?"

On this, Comp. Ingersoll comments:

"What motive prompted the propounding of such a pregnant inquiry to this august body is not even intimated by the propounder. Whether practices of the kind suggested were being introduced in California, and this Excellent Companion was a recalcitrant officer of a Chapter thus ordered into swallow-tail service, whose business sack or Sunday frock refused to conform to such startling requirements, or whether this was a mere abstraction agitating the mind of a curious Companion, we shall, perhaps, never know; but we are gratified and relieved by the prompt report of a Committee on Jurisprudence answering this pointed inquiry with an emphatic 'No,' and the hearty concurrence of the Grand Chapter therein. Thus the advocates, real or imagined, of this modern innovation are effectually suppressed on the coast of the great Pacific. So may it ever be there and everywhere."

In Kentucky:

"It was moved and carried, 'That when this Grand Chapter closes to-morrow it shall stand closed until the next Annual Convocation.' This minute has a strange sound to a foreign ear. Is this action meant to repress the Grand High Priest, and prevent the possibility of any special Convocation, or is it a way they have of fixing a time for closing the Grand Chapter? If the latter, could not some happier phrase be chosen?"

In Nebraska:

"The Correspondence is well done for the eighth time by Companion Phelps, who thus remarks upon your Correspondent:

" 'Companion Henry H. Ingersoll wields the pen of a ready writer and commands words to express his ideas with ease. Now and then he gets funny, but, withal, makes a good report.'

"Indeed! 'Funny, but * * * good!' And why 'but,' pray tell? Is there no kinship between fun and goodness? Are those only good who are long-faced and lantern-jawed? Are all our friends who dwell along the Platte afflicted with a thorny crown? Are they oppressed with the weight of other people's sins and cares? Are the old Blue Laws in force in Nebraska, and is fun forbidden in that State of 'dire contentions?'

" 'Funny, but * * * good!' Will not our good Nebraska Companions come out of their lowlands of immense sobriety and sorrowful goodness and dwell with us, while they live, in the sunny uplands of healthy delight and Masonic joy? Will they not share with us the clear sky, the joyous sunshine, the laughing brooks, the rustling leaves of the greenest trees, the merry music of the song birds, and the laughter, the joyous laughter, of happy childhood? Strike, with hand of fire, O weird musician, thy harp strung with Apollo's golden hair; fill the vast cathedral aisles with symphonies sweet and dim, deft toucher of the organ keys; blow, bugle, blow, until thy silver notes do touch and kiss the moonlit waves, and charm the lovers wandering 'mid the vine-clad hills, but know your sweetest strains are discords all, compared with childhood's happy laugh, the laugh that fills the eyes with light and every heart with joy. A rippling river of laughter, thou art the blessed boundary line between the beasts and men, and every wayward wave of thine doth drown some fretful fiend of care. O Laughter, roselipped daughter of Joy, there are dimples enough in thy cheek to catch and hold and glorify all the tears of grief.

"Shakespeare would rather have a fool to make him merry than experience to make him sad, and it was none other than Milton, the incomparable poet of 'Paradise Lost,' who wrote:

"'Come, thou goddess fair and free,
In heaven yclept "Euphrosyne"
And by men heart-easing "Mirth;"
Haste thee, nymph, and bring with thee
Jest and youthful jollity,
Quips and pranks and wanton wiles,
Nods and becks and wreathed smiles.
Come and trip it as you go
On the light fantastic toe;
These delights, if thou canst give,
Mirth, with thee I mean to live.'

"Life has its cares, its burdens, its griefs and its sorrows; they are ever present with us and demand our serious attention; but in a world so full of troubles, if we nurse them, they will overpower us. It is a duty as well as a pleasure at times to laugh and be merry, and to give these joys to others if we can; and fun is not a foe to goodness."

In Pennsylvania:

"This elegant pamphlet contains a report of four Quarterly Convocations and one Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, at each of which appropriate business was transacted in the way peculiar to our foreign Companions of the 'Keystone State.' Companion M. W. Jacobs, G. H. P., whose handsome face appears as a frontispiece, presided at all of these meetings, and at the Annual Convocation, when twenty-nine Chapters were represented, he delivered an address full of congratulation for the prosperity of the Royal Craft in that Jurisdiction, numbering 19,000 members."

We trust that Comp. Ingersoll may find it possible to visit Philadelphia, as he intimates, "in the not distant future," when it will give us pleasure to extend to him the courtesy due to a good man and a good Mason.

TEXAS.

Fifty-first Annual Convocation, Houston, December 3, 1901.

The proceedings reached us December 30th, which shows

enterprise. It is a thick volume of 289 pages, covering 103 pages of Report of Committee on Correspondence, 102 pages of Returns from Chapters, and 84 pages of proceedings proper.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, James D. Crenshaw, in his address, pays a grateful tribute to the fraternal dead, including those of other Jurisdictions as well as his own.

He expended $2,425, received on account of the storm sufferers, and reported a balance in hand of $575. He granted dispensations to six Chapters to hold public installations, constituted two new Chapters, authorized the continuance of labor of eight Chapters, six of which had failed to meet for three months, and one had had its charter destroyed by fire and one by water; organized three Chapters which had been working under dispensations, restored its charter to one Chapter; disciplined one Chapter for invading the jurisdiction of another, and instructed the High Priest of Mexico City Chapter, City of Mexico, that, as the Grand Lodge of Texas had withdrawn fraternal intercourse with Subordinate Lodges and with Masons hailing from the United States of Mexico, until said Grand Lodge shall declare its intent with reference to further recognition, he should receive no more petitions for degrees or for affiliations from Masons hailing from the United States of Mexico until further notice.

In reply to a plea for the recall of these instructions, sent him by Comp. J. W. Perkins, the newly elected High Priest of said Chapter, he stated that, desiring not to jeopardize the recognition of Blue Lodge Masonry in Mexico by our Grand Lodge, and believing that his ruling was correct under the circumstances, he refused to make any change therein.

Decisions.

"1. Balloting for degrees can be taken only at Stated Convocations.

"2. The Grand High Priest has no authority to grant a Chapter permission to move to a place not within the limits prescribed by its charter.

"3. A Companion who has been suspended by his Lodge, and such suspension is set aside, and he is restored to all rights and privileges of Masonry by the Grand Lodge, but he is not restored to membership in the Lodge, occupies the position of a dimitted Mason and member of his Chapter.

"4. A Companion who remains non-affiliated voluntarily is not entitled to Masonic relief.

"5. It is not necessary for a candidate to have resided for six months in the jurisdiction of a Chapter to which he applies for the Royal Arch and appendant degrees, if he has otherwise complied with the law.

"6. The By-Laws which have been approved by the Grand Chapter remain the By-Laws of the Chapter until changed by consent of the Grand Chapter.

"7. The Grand High Priest has no authority to decide hypothetical cases.

"8. When a Companion has been elected to membership in a Chapter, no further action is required by the Chapter to entitle him to receive the Council degrees. He must, however, pay the fee therefor.

"9. It is not required that an emergency should exist before an investigating committee can report, and the ballot spread at the meeting at which an application for the Royal Arch and appendant degrees has been received. Simply that time may be dispensed with by unanimous vote. I would here caution the Companions against a too hasty action in this matter. It is far better to be a little too slow than a little too fast. That which is most difficult to attain is, when attained, the most highly prized.

"10. All candidates applying to Chapters in Texas for the Royal Arch and appendant degrees must be residents of this State."

We heartily approve of the recommendations which follow:

"Companions, why should the burdens of honest penury be greater than those of the law breaker?

"Such is the effect of one of our laws.

"When a Companion has been suspended or expelled by either Lodge or Chapter, dues do not accumulate during such suspension or expulsion. But if a Companion should be unable to pay his dues and he should be suspended therefor, his dues would accumulate during his suspension. I recommend that this law be repealed.

"Companions should not wear Masonic symbols in places which they would be ashamed to have their dearest friends know they visited."

The following admonition by the Grand High Priest must surely have had an impressive effect:

"In the ages that are gone, when a chosen people were traveling through a wilderness to that happy land promised their forefathers, when Mount Sinai was bathed in the brightness of God's glory, He, with his own hands, wrote, 'Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.'

"When the neophyte first crosses the threshold of Masonry he is taught to obey that law in never mentioning God's name but with that reverential awe that is due from a creature to a Creator. Again, when he enters the 'middle chamber,' he is reminded of this law. When he stands upon the platform of Symbolic Masonry in the Master's Degree, he there learns that 'the All-seeing Eye' pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and will reward according to our merits. Finally, when he passes under the living arch, through the white vail, and into the secret vault, he has learned, or should have learned, that reverence which is due to God and for the things that are sacred and holy. And yet how often our hearts are saddened by words with which Companions pollute their lips.

"It is not the profanity of the vulgar against which I would warn you, for a gentleman would scarcely indulge in such practices. But it is the use of God's name, and the things that are sacred and holy, in jest and ridicule, against which I would warn you. Do ye not know that Christ Himself said, 'For every idle word that man shall speak, he shall give an account in the day of judgment?'

"It is becoming more and more the custom among men to wear, upon the lapel of their coats, a button picture of some friend or of some loved one.

"Would we wear there such a picture of our dear old mother when we enter saloons and such like places? If we should be so bold, and some one should speak of the picture, would we straighten up in manly pride and say, 'It is a picture of my mother?' Should they also ask, 'Does she teach you to visit such places? Is she pleased at your exhibition of her here?' Would we in like manner answer, 'Yes?" Nay, rather, would not the red blood of shame overspread our cheeks and we be compelled to hang our heads in humiliation?

"Does Masonry teach us to visit such places? Is she pleased at our

exhibition of her emblems in such resorts? Companions, if we must visit such places, let us not disgrace our high calling by wearing there the emblems of the Royal Craft."

The Grand Officers of the several districts presented their reports, which were read and referred to the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports. The tone of these reports appears to be generally of an encouraging character.

The Grand Treasurer's Report showed receipts, for the year, of $11,233.61, with balance on hand of $4,502.72.

The Grand Secretaries' Report shows:

"Markings	836
Passings	830
Receivings	799
Exaltings	810
Council Degrees	668
Affiliations	140
Reinstatements	65
Dimissions	235
Suspensions	117
Expulsions	2
Deaths	116
Number of Past High Priests	733
Present membership	8,416
Membership last year	7,020
Net gain	1,396

"There are now upon the roll 154 Chapters. Of these 130 have done work; 24 have done no work; 104 show a gain; 38 show a loss, and 12 have held their own."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported upon a resolution which had been previously offered, authorizing any one of the first three officers present to vote for the absent ones,

whether holding proxies or not, declaring that this was unconstitutional, which report was adopted. It would seem from this that our Companions in Texas do not have the representative system which is in use in Pennsylvania, by which the regularly elected representative of a Chapter may cast a vote for every absent Past High Priest, as well as for the first three Officers, if absent, subject, however, to instructions of such absent Companions as to how or for whom he shall vote.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had no report to make.

The Committee on Work of Grand Officers endorsed the action of the Grand High Priest in reference to Mexico City Chapter, but stated that, as the Grand Lodge of Texas had resumed relations with the regularly organized bodies of Mexico, they recommended that fraternal relations with said bodies be resumed.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the decisions of the Grand High Priest, Nos. 1 to 5, inclusive, and Nos. 7 to 10, inclusive. Decision No. 6, which reads: "The by-laws which have been approved by the Grand Chapter remain the bv-laws of the Chapter until changed by the consent of the Grand Chapter," should be modified to say, "except in such of their provisions as are allowed to be changed by the Chapter by Articles L and CXXV of our statutes."

The Eighth Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Comp. John L. Terrell, Chairman, reviewing the proceedings of fifty Grand Bodies. We have read the comments made upon the proceedings of the various bodies by our Companion reviewer with much interest and, we trust,

with profit. Turning to Pennsylvania, we find his opening sentences to be:

"Again we come to this ancient Grand Chapter, with its neatly-bound proceedings and an inner view of its handsome library room in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia."

He quotes in full the description of the Past Grand High Priest's jewel; also a letter from William James Hughan, of Torquay, England. The closing poetical lines of Grand High Priest Spencer's inaugural address are said to be very pleasing to read and are given place. The death of Comp. Africa is noted. He agrees with Comp. Henderson's remarks concerning the resolution of Arkansas interdicting the saloon-keeper. He commends what Comp. Stockton Bates has to say concerning the Masonic Home, and calls attention to the fact that Comp. Codding finds no place in his report for Texas, and saying "Will our friend, George W. K., Jr., inform Companion C. that Texas is not so foreign but that she might with propriety be included."

As Comp. Codding's former assignments have been made over to us, we will take the responsibility of assuring Comp. Terrell that hereafter we shall see to it that Texas is included among the Jurisdictions belonging to the United States.

Grand High Priest, Comp. C. R. Phillips.
Grand Secretary, Comp. George Lopas, Jr., Floresville, Texas.

VERMONT, 1901.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Conclave of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont convened in Masonic Temple, in the city of Burlington, on the fourteenth

day of June, 1901, M. E. Grand High Priest Charles H. Williams presiding.

Present.—Eighteen officers, seven Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, one Past Grand Secretary and Representatives of twenty-seven Chapters.

The annual address opens with a few earnest and eloquent sentences, and announces the death of Past Grand Chaplain Comp. Frederick Shubael Fisher, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence from 1887 to 1891, inclusive. A large number of visitations were made during the year. Among the Commissions of Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Vermont near other Grand Chapters, we note the name of Louis Wagner near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

A few dispensations were granted to hold regular meetings out of time and to receive a ballot upon petitions.

It was stated that the ritual had been corrected and improved through the labors of Comp. Montague, and approved by the officers of the Grand Chapter, and would soon be ready for distribution to the Companions on very favorable terms; the profits, if any, accruing to the Grand Chapter.

The sum of $100 was recommended to be paid to Comp. Montague for services rendered in connection with this revision of the ritual and for services in the instruction of the Companions. The Grand High Priest expressed an earnest desire that the Companions might attain proficiency in the several degrees.

The Report of the Grand Secretary shows that during the last year there were exalted, 156; admitted, 15; reinstated, 2; dimitted, 19; suspended, 8; died, 41; present membership, 3,087.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed:

Balance on hand June 15, 1900	$7,570.47
Receipts during the year	1,449.67
	$9,020.14
Expenditures during the year	760.46
Leaving balance on hand June 15 1901	$8,259.68

For the ensuing year M. E. Daniel S. Danforth, of St. Albans, was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. Warren G. Reynolds, of Burlington, was elected Grand Secretary.

The Correspondence Report is by P. G. H. P. Marsh O. Perkins, and covers 136 pages.

The proceedings of each Jurisdiction are commented upon in an interesting and instructive manner. Pennsylvania is honored by four pages. Quotation is made from the communication of Comp. William James Hughan, Representative near the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

Reference is made to the presentation of Past Grand High Priests' jewels. Concerning the address of M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Michael William Jacobs, the reviewer says:

> "But once was he called upon to apply the strong remedy of the edict, by means of which our Companions of Pennsylvania still continue to punish the innocent applicant for the degrees instead of the Chapter violating the law as to the reception of petitions and the conferring of the degrees."
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> "The newly-installed Grand High Priest, Companion Edward B. Spencer, delivered an inaugural address, in which he derives a two-fold practical lesson, in connection with our obligation to the Chapter, from the paradox presented by Freemasonry, viz., true progress and unchangeableness."

He thanks Comp. James H. Codding for correction as to proxies, etc., and observes that the usage of Vermont is the same as Pennsylvania in the matter of allowing substitutes.

VIRGINIA.

The Ninety-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Virginia was opened at the Masonic Temple, City of Richmond, November 13 and 14, 1900, by the M. E. Grand High Priest Fred. Greenwood.

No decisions of importance had been made during the year. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction, and the most pleasant and fraternal relations are reported as existing between Virginia and her sister Grand Jurisdictions. For nearly five years none of the present or Past Grand Officers have died.

In regard to dispensations, the Grand High Priest says:

"As a rule, I do not favor the balloting and conferring the degrees out of the usual time, believing that it is often the case that what is easily obtained is little valued, and in waiving the statutory time I consider well the reasons assigned, and when a dispensation was granted I felt assured that the well-being of the Craft would be advanced."

We regret to note that the financial condition was such as to necessitate postponing the procurement of jewels and paraphernalia for the use of the Grand Chapter.

It was recommended that the commissions of the Grand Representatives of sister Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Virginia should expire with the triennial year of the General Grand Chapter, which recommendation was afterwards adopted.

There was a net gain in membership during the year of 198, making the total membership in thirty-nine Chapters at the end of the fiscal year of 1900, 2,935. This net gain was larger by 26 than that of any of the preceding seven years. Much of this increase and renewal of interest in Capitular Masonry was credited to the influence exerted by the two Royal Arch schools of instruction, and to the indefatigable

and self-sacrificing labors of the esteemed Grand Lecturer, R. E. Comp. William J. Hubbard, and his faithful and competent assistant, R. E. James E. Alexander.

The report submitted by the Grand Lecturer, Comp. Hubbard, furnishes a detailed account of his visitations and work, and fully confirms the complimentary language of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

We quote, with warm approval, from the conclusion of this report:

"And now, my Companions, let me call your attention to one thing which I think ought to be remedied. It is the treatment of the candidates in the R. A. degree. If you will, for a moment, think seriously on the teachings of, and the lessons to be learned from this degree, especially in the latter part of it, it must certainly be apparent to you that there is no place in it for levity or play. It, as you well know, symbolizes one of the most important events in the history of the world, one of peculiar interest and benefit to Masons, and should most certainly be venerated and observed by them above all mankind. I quote from the address of the Grand High Priest of Ohio the following, which seems to me to be specially applicable in this connection and shows that they have to contend with the same thing in that Grand Jurisdiction as we do in this. He says:

" 'The Mason imbued with the idea that the most important of all things to be accomplished is to make the candidate believe that, the moment he crosses the threshold of the room where the ceremonies of initiation are to be conducted, his personal safety and perhaps his life will be jeopardized is no more fit to take part in the ceremonies than one who has never entered the door of a Masonic Lodge room. * * * * * In the ceremony of initiation nothing should be permitted that will lead the mind of the candidate away from the important truths and ennobling sentiments which are the predominant features of the ritual.'

"I have known 'good men and true' who, under proper influences, would have been valuable additions to their Chapters, so humiliated and disgusted at the treatment they had received at the hands of their Companions and friends, that they have never entered the Chapter since they received the degrees. I am happy, however, to be able to state that the tendency in some of the Chapters in the State is now to do away with their former methods of rough treatment, and I earnestly hope that all will soon eliminate everything from the work which may in any way detract from the solemnity and beauty of the degrees when properly conferred."

Referring to the above, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the High Priest of each Subordinate Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction to order the Captain of the Host to see that the degrees, in their respective Chapters, are conferred with the dignity and decorum which are appropriate to the respective degrees; and any disregard of this resolution by officers or Companions shall be deemed unmasonic conduct and treated accordingly."

"Resolved, That the above resolution must be read aloud by the High Priest of each Royal Arch Chapter, in open Chapter, at the first stated Convocation after receiving the printed minutes of this session of this Grand R. A. Chapter, and at each Convocation previous to the conferring of any degrees."

The election of officers resulted as follows:

James Edward Alexander, M. E. Grand High Priest.

William James Hubbard, Grand King.

Joseph Virginius Bidgood, Grand Scribe.

George Wilson Poe, Grand Treasurer.

James Braxton Blanks, Grand Secretary.

Reports from the District Deputy Grand High Priests are made in writing and printed in the Report of the Grand Chapter.

A sum of $75 was appropriated to each of the two Schools of Instruction, and a resolution was adopted requesting each Subordinate Chapter to contribute a sum not less than ten cents per member, such funds to be used to purchase the necessary jewels and paraphernalia for the Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter then adjourned.

The printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter cover fifty-three pages, after which follow the proceedings of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests and the roster of the present officers, members and Past High Priests of the Subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction, covering sixty-one additional pages.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is signed by Comp. Charles A. Nesbitt, Chairman, and occupies 102 pages. Comp. Nesbitt has devoted a very liberal share of his space to Pennsylvania, quoting freely from the address of Grand High Priest Jacobs and also from the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

The I Am.

In one of the opening paragraphs of his address, the Grand High Priest says:

"In assembling about our sacred altar let us invite the presence and inspiration of the great I Am to direct us in all our efforts, to further us with His continual help, that our deliberations and doings may redound to the well-being of the Royal Craft and His great glory."

We quote this sentence because of the reference to the I Am.

In a well-known passage of Scripture, the English version of the Hebrew is: "I am that I am." This passage we have frequently heard spoken in such a way as to carry very little significance. Spoken without any clear sense of its meaning by the speaker, it only seems to declare that God is what He is, which, of course, is simply a truism, and might be said of himself by anybody. When we come to reflect that it is intended to be a declaration that the speaker is the self-existent one and the cause of existence *of all*, and also remember that the translation might very properly, and, as we think, more properly, be rendered, "I am *the* I am," then the sentence is filled with light, and power, and meaning. Probably this thought has occurred to many before, and it may not, therefore, be new, but if it shall assist a single Companion in the future to quote it with a clearer conception of the meaning, we shall feel justified in taking up the space. "And God said unto Moses, I am *the* I Am, and thus shalt thou say

unto the children of Israel, I Am (or, the I Am) hath sent me unto you."

WASHINGTON, 1901.

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington was opened at Tacoma on June 7, 1901, by M. E. Grand High Priest S. Harry Rush, with fifteen Grand Officers and seven Past Grand High Priests present. Nineteen Chapters were represented.

The M. W. Grand Master of Masons of Washington, Comp. Stephen J. Chadwick, was introduced and received with grand honors.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made an interesting annual address, opening as follows:

"It is with a heart overflowing with loving kindness that I welcome you to this, our Seventeenth Annual Convocation. It has pleased the God of our fathers to protect and pass us through the dangers of another year. He has borne with our follies, and He now showers upon us His richest favors and mercies; it therefore behooves us to come before Him with thanksgiving, and to bow before the Great I Am, with grateful acknowledgment for His beneficent Providence, and to implore His heavenly benediction to rest upon us in time that is to come, that under His smile we may be able to stand as living exponents of the principles and virtues of our time-honored institution. The past has been a year of general prosperity and undisturbed peace to the fraternity in our jurisdiction, and, so far as we can learn, in every jurisdiction through our broad land."

He reported the institution of Colville Chapter, No. 20, and the granting of dispensations for a Chapter at Wenatchee, Chelan County; one at Chehalis, Lewis County, to be called Sunset Chapter, and one at Everett, to be called Everett Chapter.

I note that the Grand High Priest issued dispensations

during the year to several Chapters, permitting the use of a substitute in conferring the R. A. Degree.

The Grand High Priest decided that a Chapter could not, as a body, wearing their regalia, attend Easter services with a Commandery.

In case of a Chapter, A, refusing to grant waiver of jurisdiction where it would be more convenient for the applicants to join another Chapter, B, and where the Chapter B offered to divide the fees with Chapter A, the Grand High Priest suggested that the two Chapters be given concurrent jurisdiction in the field in question.

The Grand Treasurer's Report showed a balance on hand of $1,978.85.

At the afternoon session an address was delivered by Grand Orator Fred. J. Elsensohn, which is printed and is good reading. We quote a few paragraphs:

"Interesting and valuable as are the other degrees cultivated in the Chapter, it cannot be doubted that the essence and kernel, as well as the crowning glory of our organization is the degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

"Either of two views may be taken of the so-called high degrees in general; that their value consists in new truths which they reveal, or that it consists in the help they give us to comprehend old truths which are skilfully recorded and concealed from the vulgar in the symbols and allegories of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. It seems to me that, to a Mason, the value of any high degree is directly proportionate to the intimacy of its connection with Craft Masonry, and to the amount of additional Masonic light which it conveys to its votary.

"Tested by this standard, are there not few high degrees which can be compared with that of the Royal Arch? We are told that the color of a certain one of our banners symbolizes the intimate connection that exists between the Royal Arch degree and Ancient Craft Masonry, and that that connection is real seems to be the teaching of authentic history. No other high degree is older or more intimately connected with the Lodge. 'A great deal has been said and written,' says William James Hughan, 'about the origin of the Royal Arch Degree, but, notwithstanding all our re-

searches, we have not, even now, any authentic account of the actual origin of that interesting and instructive ceremony."

"'By recent investigations,' he adds, 'we are led to the conclusion that it is most probably of English origin, about 1735-40, and mainly of British and American growth.'

"These conclusions are certainly borne out by the facts. The first notices of such a degree, by the name at least, are found in a book printed in Dublin in 1744—Dr. Dasigny's 'A Serious and Impartial Enquiry Into the Cause of the Present Decay of Free Masonry in the Kingdom of Ireland.' One of these notices is to the effect that the doctor has heard that at York 'is held an assembly of Master Masons under the title of Royal Arch Masons, who, as their qualities and excellencies are superior to others, receive a larger pay than working Masons.' The other mention of the subject in this volume states that a certain quack in Dublin, who 'some few years' before 1744 had pretended to be a Master of the Royal Arch, had been exposed as a fraud by a brother 'who had, some small space before, attained that excellent part of Masonry in London.' Dasigny states that the Royal Arch Masons were 'an organized body of men who had passed the Chair and given considerable proofs of their skill in architecture.'

"These quotations indicate that the degree has existed in various places some years prior to 1744. It used to be stated that it was invented by Laurence Dermott to give additional eclat to the 'Ancient Masons,' but this view is exploded. Dermott was exalted in Dublin in 1746, and the degree is first mentioned in the minutes of the 'Ancients' in 1752. Thomas Duckerly was exalted at Portsmouth in 1754. The earliest record of the degree at York is dated 1762 and the earliest in London in 1765. In the latter record, 1766, the Royal Arch was styled 'the Fourth Degree.' It is claimed that this degree was worked in Philadelphia in 1758, and the minutes there date from 1767. America has the honor of having the earliest actual minute of the degree being conferred. It is found in the record of the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Va., under date December 22, 1753, and tells us that 'the Lodge being assembled' with a 'Grand Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden of Royal Arch Lodge,' three Brethren were 'raised to the degree of Royal Arch Mason.' Then, 'Royal Arch Lodge being Shutt, Entered Apprentices Lodge opened.' This, by the way, was the Lodge which initiated George Washington in 1752—four years before it received its charter—and is one of the Lodges from which the descent of the Grand Lodge of Washington can be traced.

"I hardly need mention that in those days there were no Grand Chapters. Any Lodge of Masons, in which there were a sufficient number of high degree Masons, conferred the Royal Arch, Templar and some other high degrees at pleasure.

"Enough has been said to show the intimate connection, historically, between the Royal Arch Degree and Craft Masonry. The esoteric, or ritualistic, connection is no less intimate. At one period it used to be very commonly asserted that the most essential part of the Royal Arch Degree was once a part of the Master Mason Degree, and that it was detached, leaving the third incomplete. This view has been indignantly rejected by some more recent investigators—as due solely to a misconception—and I shall not undertake to discuss it. But we know that—whatever may have been the origin of the Royal Arch Degree—our ritual shows not less distinctly than does the history which I have quoted, the intimate relation between the crowning degrees of the Lodge and Chapter. And while thus reminding you of the allegory of the Temple, I deem it not out of place to advise you, my Companions, that there are other degrees which cast additional light upon that beautiful and important legend. The degrees of Royal and Select Master, which are conferred in Councils and only upon Royal Arch Masons, shed a flood of light upon the Master Mason and Royal Arch Degrees which no Royal Arch Mason who is interested in the Temple Allegory ought to be willing to be without; and which, in one sense, justifies Mackey's eulogium, that the Select Master Degree is the capstone and crown of Ancient Craft Masonry."

Comp. Elsensohn proceeds to discuss the proposition recently made in some Jurisdictions, especially in Canada, to confer the Knights Templar Degree upon Master Masons without requiring the candidate to be a Royal Arch Mason, assuming that it would be beneath the dignity of a Grand Chapter to express any solicitude about the matter, but concluding that, even should such action be taken, while it would reduce the quantity it might improve the quality of the material which goes into the Chapter, very often using it as a stepping stone to something supposed to be higher.

There was a gain of membership during the year of 135. Total membership: 20 Chapters, 1,403 Companions.

M. E. Grand High Priest-elect, Comp. Andrew Nilsson, of Dayton, Washington.

M. E. Grand Secretary-elect, Yancey C. Blalock, of Walla Walla, Washington.

The Report on Correspondence covers fifty Proceedings,

119 pages, and is signed by Comp. Yancey C. Blalock, Committee.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Thirtieth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Parkersburg, on Tuesday, the 13th of November, A. D. 1900.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Walling W. Van Winkle, delivered an address, in which, among other things, he said:

"There have been few duties for me to perform, but such as have devolved upon me I have endeavored to discharge in a conscientious and painstaking spirit. If they had been greater I would cheerfully have assumed them, performing them as a labor of love, and in meagre compensation for the many pleasurable moments Masonry has given me and a humble effort to advance, uphold, sustain and make better, if that were possible, this Noble Order, devoted to humanity in its best sense, and guiding man in the highest degree to greater and better deeds of charity and benevolence."

During the year Charters were issued to Odel S. Long Chapter, No. 25, at Pennsboro, Ritchie County, and to Athens Chapter, No. 26, located at Athens, Mercer County.

The Grand High Priest announces that he had attended the session of the General Grand Chapter at Cincinnati, Ohio, on September 25, 1900, that the meeting was practically routine and that he could recall nothing requiring special mention.

Several dispensations were granted to ballot on petitions within the time required.

"Several applications were made for dispensations for different purposes, none of which I deemed proper, and accordingly refused.

"One was singular in that it came from a Master Mason by the suggestion of Companions for the creation of a new Chapter. Of course, it was

refused, but even if regular would have been refused in view of the attitude taken by this Grand Chapter in 1898 and 1899."

The Grand Secretary reports the sale of text-books for the past year amounting to $60.

The Grand Lecturer reports his visitations for the year. He also states that he attended the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at Cincinnati, for the purpose of seeing an exemplification of the Chapter Degrees, as they are worked under its direction, but as no exemplification was had, his attendance was fruitless in that respect.

The Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters being present, they were called to the floor and received with grand honors and fraternally welcomed. We do not find the name of the Pennsylvania Representative in the list.

The proceedings contain handsome half-tone cuts of Grand High Priest J. M. McConihay, elected for 1901; of Past Grand High Priest S. N. Myers, of 1895; of Past Grand High Priest W. W. Van Winkle, 1900, and the M. E. Hiram R. Howard, President of the Order of High Priesthood of West Virginia.

The Appendix contains the names of the Officers and Companions of the several Subordinate Chapters in the Jurisdiction from No. 1 to No. 26 inclusive, and Sisterville Chapter, U. D.

The Report on Correspondence is written by Com. Hugh Sterling, who modestly announces his doubts of the wisdom of his selection, but declares his confidence that the report "will be received in the spirit with which it is presented," and asks for "charitable construction of the many imperfections it may contain."

The report is condensed within thirty-three pages, showing that Comp. Sterling has done his work with conscientious

care. He has honored Pennsylvania by a very liberal quotation from the address of Grand High Priest Jacobs. We hope to have the pleasure of seeing the work of Comp. Sterling another year.

Grand High Priest, M. E. John M. McConihay, Charleston.

Grand Secretary, R. E. Robert C. Dunnington, Fairmont.

WISCONSIN.

The Fifty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Wisconsin was held in the Masonic Building, in the city of Milwaukee, on Tuesday, February 19, 1901. Grand High Priest Edwin F. Gibbs announced the death of John W. Laflin, for seventeen years Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter. In well-chosen words he eulogized the departed, urging the Companions to imitate his virtues, his unfeigned piety to God, his inflexible fidelity to his trust and his love for his fellow-men.

The Grand High Priest reported the following questions and answers:

"1. Question.—Some years ago the Grand Chapter passed a resolution making it necessary for candidates to learn lectures at each degree. Has it been repealed?

"Answer.—No candidate shall be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree until he shall have passed an examination as to his proficiency in the three preceding degrees satisfactory to the three principal officers of the Chapter. (See Sec. 3, Art. IX, of the Constitution.)

"2. Question.—Can all three Chapter degrees be conferred at one meeting?

"Answer.—A candidate may take the first three degrees (Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master) of the Chapter at the same meeting.

"3. Question.—Can a Companion who has dimitted from a Chapter stop a candidate from advancement?

"Answer.—An objection made by a dimitted Royal Arch Mason to the advancement of a candidate after receiving the Mark Master's Degree should have the same consideration as though made by a member of the Chapter. (See Sec. 3, Art. XI, of the Constitution.)

"4. Question.—If an objection has been filed and is before the Chapter for action, and an officer asks to have the objection referred to a committee for investigation because the accused does not live in the place, and most of the Companions are not acquainted with the circumstances, should action be taken at that time or be referred?

"Answer.—An objection against advancement after receiving a degree in the Chapter should have due consideration. The charges should be duly investigated before action is taken thereon. (See Sec. 2, Art. XI, of the Constitution.)

"A protest after ballot and before conferring the Mark Master's Degree upon a candidate has the same effect as a rejection by ballot, and unless withdrawn stands as such. It needs no action of the Chapter.

"5. Question.—A brother wishes to take the Chapter degrees. He has a note of the Blue Lodge and desires to turn said note over to the Chapter as part payment for the degrees in the Chapter; the Blue Lodge will accept the note as cash and give the Chapter credit therefor on account of what the Chapter owes the Blue Lodge.

"Answer.—If Chapter was indebted to the Blue Lodge and they (Blue Lodge) would accept the note and give the Chapter credit therefor, they might do so.

"6. Question.—If a Chapter fails to elect officers at the first Regular Convocation in the month of December, can they elect at the next Regular Convocation?

"Answer.—Yes, if the time has gone by for holding your election according to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, hold it according to your By-Laws, and see that your Chapter By-Laws are amended to comply with the requirements of the Grand Chapter.

"7. Question.—If a candidate has been elected to receive the degrees conferred in a Chapter and before receiving any degree a Companion objects, is it not the duty of the High Priest to state to the Chapter that owing to objections raised the candidate stands rejected, and order the Secretary to so inform the candidate?

"Answer.—If objection has been made to the High Priest it is his duty to inform the Secretary and make it a matter of record. 'A protest after ballot and before conferring degrees may be made in open Chapter or privately to the High Priest, or in a written communication to the Secretary.'—1st paragraph, Sec. 1, Art. XI, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

"'In all cases of protest the fact shall be entered in the minutes, but the name of the objector shall not be recorded.'—3d paragraph, Sec. 2, Art. XI.

"'A protest may be withdrawn at any time, and when so withdrawn the fact shall be recorded by the Secretary.'—4th paragraph, Sec. 2, Art. XI.

"8. Question.—On the delinquent list of the Chapter Roll appears the name of a Companion who has been expelled from his Lodge for conduct unbecoming a Master Mason. (1) Is it necessary to have charges preferred and a trial by the Chapter, or (2) does the fact of his expulsion by the Lodge also bar him from membership in the Chapter? (3) If the latter, should the Lodge be asked for official notice of expulsion?

"Answer.—(1) No. (2) Yes. (3) If the Chapter is in doubt as to whether the Companion was expelled from his Lodge a committee should be appointed to ascertain the fact, and upon reporting to the Chapter that the Companion had been expelled from his Lodge the High Priest should declare the Companion expelled in the Chapter, and instruct the Secretary to so record the same. No other action is necessary.

"A sentence of expulsion in the Blue Lodge does not take effect until affirmed by the Grand Lodge, *ad interim* to operate as a suspension. Sentence of suspension remains in full force during the pendency of an appeal.

"'Expulsion by a Lodge deprives the expelled member of every Masonic right, not only in Lodge, but in Chapter. After expulsion for good cause the Lodge may restore him to his Masonic rights, and such restoration will make him a Master Mason in good standing, and thereby restore him to his rights as a Royal Arch Mason, except membership in his Chapter.

"'When the action of a Lodge in case of discipline is reversed or annulled for any reason by competent authority, the party regains the status that he had at the commencement of the proceedings.

"'A Chapter must give to discipline by a Lodge the same effect that it has under the laws of the Grand Lodge, and a Chapter has no right to inquire into the regularity of the proceedings of a Lodge; they must be taken as valid until reversed by competent authority. Chapters cannot fix the standing of Master Masons, but take them as made by the Lodge and their standing as fixed by Lodges.'—Decisions of the General Grand Chapter.

"9. Question.—An applicant for the Chapter degree is a Master Mason in good standing, who is a salesman for a liquor house. Does this bar him?

"Answer.—No. The applicant being a Master Mason in good standing, the Chapter may receive and act on the petition, and, if elected, confer the Chapter degrees, notwithstanding his business calling."

Innovations.

We select the following from the address, which will be interesting reading to our Companions:

"The address of the Grand High Priest at the last session of the Grand Chapter, in which he called attention to the too frequent violations of the edicts and resolves of the Grand Chapter and the regulations of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter in permitting innovations in the work by the introduction of practices foreign to the ritual and contrary to the spirit of Masonry, and the endorsement at that time given to his denunciation of such practices, I supposed would be sufficient, and that no reiteration on my part would be necessary. But it has come to my knowledge that there are yet Chapters in which such irregular and prohibited practices are still allowed. I therefore deem it my duty to again bring this subject before you.

"In conferring the Past Master's Degree it should be as directed by the General Grand Chapter—the obligation and investiture at the altar, the induction into the Oriental chair and the necessary explanations.

"In the Royal Arch Degree no one should be allowed upon the floor except the officers, and they only in the discharge of the duties assigned to them by the ritual. In the symbolic journey no one should be allowed to in any way interfere with the candidates, or with the symbols, and no indignity should be permitted.

"I would further call your attention to the fact which some Chapters have overlooked—that the stone which was rejected by the Overseers and afterwards became the keystone of the arch which completed the Temple is the same that 470 years later was discovered in the ruins by the three zealous sojourners. The same or a similar stone, as used in conferring the Mark degree, must of necessity be used in the Royal Arch. None other is permissible under the circumstances if you would preserve the dignity of Royal Arch Masonry, or comply with the obligation we have all taken.

"I therefore recommend the adoption of a resolution prohibiting all innovations and practices contrary to the spirit of Capitular Masonry and the ritual, and not in accord with its symbols, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to have the same printed and sent to every constituent Chapter, with an order that the same be read in open Chapter at the first Convocation after receipt thereof."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, referring to the decisions of the Grand High Priest, reported as follows:

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence have examined the decisions of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and report:

"That they have approved decisions numbered 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9. Decision No. 6 is disapproved. We are of the opinion that the Constitution is explicit in its provisions that the election in Subordinate Chapters must take place on the first Convocation in December, and if for any reason an election does not occur on that day, a dispensation is necessary for election to be held at a later day.

"On Decision No. 3, a majority of your Committee, Companions Evans and Spensely, disapprove, holding that a dimitted Royal Arch Mason has no standing to make an objection. Companion Swain is of the opinion that as neither the dimitted Companion nor the member of the Chapter can stop the advancement of the Brother who has received the Mark degree, unless he can obtain the negative votes of more than one-fourth of the members present, and as he must state his objections and as the decision states that the objection must be considered, the decision is correct."

The election of officers resulted as follows: Grand High Priest, William B. Andrews; Deputy Grand High Priest, F. S. Veeder; Grand King, T. J. Pereles; Grand Scribe, F. P. Ainsworth; Grand Treasurer, David H. Wright; Grand Secretary, W. W. Perry; Trustee for three years, W. C. Swain.

The Report on Correspondence is presented in an admirable and well-written style by Comp. William C. Swain, covering 102 pages. Six pages are devoted to Pennsylvania. The writer says:

"Comp. Africa thinks the Grand Representative system has outlived its usefulness. We do not agree. We do not think it ever had any. But it is harmless, costs nothing, except the printing of a few commissions, and flatters us into a higher estimate of our own importance."

Companion Swain concludes his report as follows:

"The Royal Craft appears in such good condition that it is dull, and there is nothing to say in summing up. A good lively row would be of interest, but no one is quarrelsome, except Aguinaldo, and his pugnacity takes another direction.

"We haven't even a good story at hand, and can only say, 'Pleasant dreams and sweet repose.' "

THE SPIRIT OF MASONRY.

We enter the charmed circle of the Masonic Reporters with much diffidence. The work assigned to us, that of faring forth into other domains and bringing back, for the benefit of our own Companions, samples of the good things we may find abroad, seemed to us so responsible a one that we inclined to hesitate in assuming it. But, as we have taken it up and followed its lead, we have been deeply impressed with its pleasures and profits, and we come back with encouragement, reporting that everywhere, in all the Jurisdictions, we find the universal Spirit of Masonry, living, moving and animating the hearts and deeds of all we have met, whithersoever we have wandered.

Asking the indulgence of our older and wiser confreres, and assuring them, in this and all other Jurisdictions, of our earnest desire to "be just and fear not," we close our task.

F. H. H.

CONCLUSION.

Since our last Report on Correspondence was laid before the Craft there has been another change in the Committee. At his own request, and for reasons that should always be listened to by the prudent man, M. E. Comp. Matthias H. Henderson, Past Grand High Priest and late Chairman of this Committee, was regretfully permitted to lay aside the working tools and to rest from his labors.

While there is no note of mourning in our sorrow for this separation, for our Companion is still with us in the flesh and we may grasp his friendly hand and look into his smiling face, to say that we do not feel this separation, after so many years of labor side by side, would be to say that we were dead to the noble sentiments of friendship and brotherly love.

Comp. Henderson's wide reading and thorough knowledge of the underlying principles of Freemasonry, his courtesy in

argument, his conservatism and, above all, his catholicity, made him a safe guide and a genial and lovable companion. With no lack of courage where any principle was at stake, he maintained his ground with that chivalry of manner that made him at once a foe to be loved as well as feared. Of him it may be justly said that he was *suaviter in modo, fortiter in re.*

He has left the harvest field and another has taken his place among the gleaners.

"We part—
But this shall be a token thou hast been
A friend to him who pluck'd these lovely flowers,
And sent them as a tribute to a friend,
And a remembrance of the few kind hours
Which lightened on the darkness of my path."

And shall we not foster this thought that our gleaning should be done in the spirit of one who "plucks these lovely flowers" to "send them as a tribute to a friend." As we hark back to the several volumes of the proceedings of other Jurisdictions that have passed in review before us we remember the perfume of the tender tributes offered on the tombs of the departed, and we have wondered if any part of this kindliness found its way into the hearts of the living. Shall we always "await the inevitable hour" before telling our friend that we love him? Would it not be well if in sincerity and truth we could drop the little word of kindliness so that our living brother might hear it and be rejoiced?

"Speak gently!—'tis a little thing
Dropped in the heart's deep well;
The good, the joy, which it may bring,
Eternity shall tell."

S. B.

Fraternally submitted,

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Committee on Correspondence.

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1902.

Its Chapters, Place and Time of Meeting, and Secretaries.

No.	Name.	Constituted in	Place of Meeting.	Time of Meeting.	Name and Address of Secretary.
3	Jerusalem	1758	Philadelphia	Third Monday	Stanislaus Remak, Philadelphia.
21	Perseverance	1827	Harrisburg	First Monday	William H. Smith, Harrisburg.
43		1826	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Joshua L. Lyte, Lancaster.
52	Harmony	1794	Philadelphia	First Friday	John Curtis, Philadelphia.
91	Columbia	1822	Philadelphia	Third Wednesday	Charles F. Wignall, Philadelphia.
150	Washington	1827	Washington	First Thursday	James L. Stright, Washington.
152	Reading	1827	Reading	Second Monday	Nevin M. Davis, Reading.
159	Schuylkill	1838	Minersville	Third Thursday	Henry Hammer, Minersville.
161	Union	1845	Towanda	Second Wednesday	James H. Codding, Towanda.
162	Zerubbabel	1836	Pittsburg	First Tuesday	Samuel R. Caskey, Pittsburg.
163	La Fayette	1848	Lock Haven	Third Thursday	John Noble, Lock Haven.
164	Brownsville	1849	Brownsville	Second Tuesday	William W. Robbins, Brownsville.
165	Union	1849	Uniontown	First Thursday	Luke H. Frasher, Uniontown.
166	Mt. Moriah	1849	Hollidaysburg	Third Tuesday	Harry M. Henshey, Hollidaysburg.
167	Eureka	1849	Rochester	Friday after full moon	Frank L. Williams, Rochester.
169	Philadelphia	1850	Philadelphia	Second Wednesday	John M. Zook, Philadelphia.
170	Delta	1851	New Castle	First Tuesday	Edward L. Smith, New Castle.
171	St. John's	1852	Carlisle	First Thursday	Charles F. Shower, Carlisle.
172	Temple	1853	Tunkhannock	Monday after full moon	Draper Billings, Tunkhannock.
173	Easton	1853	Easton	Second Thursday	Edward B. Arndt, Easton.
174	Northumberland	1853	Sunbury	Tuesday after full moon	Jacob R. Cressinger, Sunbury.
175	Keystone	1853	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	H. G. O. Ramborger, Philadelphia.
176	George Washington	1854	Chambersburg	Third Monday	Napoleon B. Heefner, Chambersburg.
177	Tamaqua	1854	Tamaqua	Friday after full moon	James W. Kershner, Tamaqua.
178	Catawissa	1855	Catawissa	Second Wednesday	Luther B. Kline, Catawissa.
179	Eureka	1855	Carbondale	Last Friday	John M. Stewart, Carbondale.
180	Warren	1854	Montrose	First Thursday	Freeman I. Lott, Montrose.
181	Lilly	1855	Mauch Chunk	Fourth Tuesday	Laird H. Barber, Mauch Chunk.

182	Shekinah	1855	Wilkes-Barre	Third Monday	John G. Torborg, Wilkes-Barre.
183	Oriental	1856	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	Stockton Bates, Philadelphia.
185	Lackawanna	1856	Scranton	Second Tuesday	C. L. Van Buskirk, Scranton.
186	Lewistown	1856	Lewistown	Third Tuesday	W. F. Eckbert, Jr., Lewistown.
187	Oriental	1856	Conneautville	Third Friday	William E. Wormald, Conneautville.
189	Mountain	1858	Altoona	First Thursday	Timothy Davis, Altoona.
190	Norristown	1858	Norristown	Second Monday	William E. Perry, Norristown.
191	Solomon	1858	Meadville	First Tuesday	Alfred G. Church, Meadville.
192	Urania	1859	Greensburg	Thursday after third Tuesday	R. Kay Portser, Greensburg.
193	Duquesne	1859	Pittsburg	Second Friday	William J. Carson, Pittsburg.
194	Tioga	1859	Wellsboro	Second Tuesday	John W. Mather, Wellsboro.
195	Portage	1859	Johnstown	Fourth Tuesday	John J. Jones, Johnstown.
196	Mountain City	1859	Pottsville	Monday after full moon	Alfred J. Derr, Pottsville.
197	Weidle	1860	Lebanon	Second Tuesday	Charles D. Weirick, Lebanon.
198	Phœnix	1861	Phœnixville	Saturday after full moon	Edward T. Plush, Phœnixville.
199	Howell	1864	York	Second Wednesday after first Monday	David P. Shultz, York.
200	Columbus	1865	Corry	Third Wednesday	James C. Satterlee, Corry.
201	Standing Stone	1865	Huntingdon	Third Monday	Martin L. Shaffner, Huntingdon.
202	Howell	1866	West Chester	Monday after full moon	Charles B. Lear, West Chester.
203	Allen	1866	Allentown	Third Monday	Henry A. Getz, Allentown.
204	Anthony Wayne	1866	Honesdale	Tuesday on or after full moon	Fred W. Powell, Honesdale.
205	Factoryville	1866	Factoryville	Thursday on or before full moon	Benjamin Goodwin, Factoryville.
206	Harmony	1866	Beaver Falls	First Thursday	L. R. Strobridge, New Brighton.
207	Aaron	1866	Titusville	Third Friday	John S. Bradley, Titusville.
208	Germantown	1866	Germantown, Phila	Third Monday	E. R. Stevens, Germantown, Phila.
209	Samuel C. Perkins	1866	Mechanicsburg	Second Monday	George Bobb, Mechanicsburg.
210	Great Bend	1866	Great Bend	Second Thursday	Thomas Summerton, Great Bend.
211	Venango	1866	Franklin	Second Thursday	Charles D. Elliott, Franklin.
212	Mound	1866	Greenville	Fourth Monday	John D. Cutler, Greenville.
214	Valley	1867	Plymouth	Fourth Friday	Samuel U. Shaffer, Plymouth.
215	Temple	1867	Erie	Second Friday	George D. Burton, Erie.
216	Zinzendorf	1867	Bethlehem	Second Tuesday	Matthew J. Schmid, Bethlehem.
217	Allegheny	1868	Allegheny	First Friday	Harvey P. Wylie, Allegheny.
218	Bloomsburg	1868	Bloomsburg	First Wednesday	George E. Wilbur, Bloomsburg.
219	Griscom	1868	Ashland	Third Thursday	John F. Weimer, Ashland.
220	Fort Washington	1868	Fort Washington	Saturday after full moon	William S. Acuff, Ambler.

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221	Tremont	1869	Tremont	Third Thursday	Benjamin Kaufman, Tremont.
222	Lycoming	1869	Williamsport	Second Tuesday	Wm. Randall Prior, Williamsport
223	Oxford	1869	Oxford	Wednesday after full moon	Morrison E. Snodgrass, Oxford.
224	Corinthian	1869	Columbia	Second Tuesday	Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia.
225	Jefferson	1869	Brookville	First Monday	Cyrus H. Blood, Brookville.
226	Siloam	1869	Frankford, Phila	Third Wednesday	Matthias Coats, Frankford, Phila.
227	Emporium	1870	Emporium	Third Tuesday	John D. Logan, Emporium.
228	Clearfield	1870	Clearfield	Third Friday	L. K. McCullough, Clearfield.
230	Elk	1870	Ridgway	Third Tuesday	George L. McCracken, Ridgway.
232	St. John	1871	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	William F. Tracy, Philadelphia.
233	Kensington	1871	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Joseph Crockett, Philadelphia.
234	Media	1871	Media	Monday after full moon	Stephen H. Appleton, Media.
235	Occidental	1871	Warren	Second Monday	Robert W. Teese, Warren.
236	Oil City	1871	Oil City	Third Thursday	Henry C. Goldsborough, Oil City.
237	Excelsior	1871	Reading	Third Tuesday	Thomas E. Weber, Reading.
238	Newport	1872	Newport	Monday after full moon	A. Fred. Keim, Newport.
239	Danville	1872	Danville	Third Monday	John W. Farnsworth, Danville.
240	Palestine	1872	Philadelphia	Second Friday	Edward R. Marsh, Philadelphia.
241	Bellefonte	1872	Bellefonte	First Friday	William H. Crissman, Bellefonte.
242	Pittston	1873	Pittston	Second Thursday	Thomas W. Kyte, West Pittston.
243	T. B. Freeman	1873	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Walter Scott, Philadelphia.
244	Norman	1873	Sharon	Second Friday	John Murchie, Sharon.
245	Abington	1873	Jenkintown	Tuesday after full moon	Edward Bright, Weldon.
246	Warrior Run	1874	Watsontown	Wednesday after full moon	Fred. A. Reen, Watsontown.
247	Orient	1874	Kittanning	Second Monday	William F. Rupp, Kittanning.
248	Temple	1874	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia.
249	Monongahela	1874	Monongahela	Third Thursday	John P. Norman, Monongahela.
250	Corinthian	1874	Philadelphia	First Monday	William Ross, Philadelphia.
251	Signet	1874	Philadelphia	Fourth Friday	Oscar R. Meyers, Philadelphia.
252	Mizpah	1875	Mahanoy City	Fourth Thursday	Phaon Hermany, Mahanoy City.
254	Arnold	1877	Port Allegany	Second Tuesday	Lott J. Reznor, Port Allegany.
255	Bedford	1876	Bedford	Wednesday after full moon	James Cleaver, Bedford.

256	University	1877	Philadelphia	First Friday	J. Milton Lutz, Llanerch.
257	Shiloh	1877	Pittsburg	Third Monday	George W. Robitzer, Pittsburg.
258	Chester	1877	Chester	Third Tuesday	Edward A. Price, Jr., Chester.
259	Eden	1878	Clarion	Second Tuesday	Henry S. Lockart, Shippensville.
260	Bradford	1880	Bradford	Third Thursday	Ambrose D. Sloan, Bradford.
261	Troy	1882	Troy	Thursday on or before full moon	Isaac Cleaver, Troy, Bradford Co.
262	Montgomery	1882	Ardmore	Thursday after full moon	Isaac A. Cleaver, Ardmore.
263	Coudersport	1882	Coudersport	First Wednesday	Harry A. Scoville, Coudersport.
264	Shamokin	1883	Shamokin	Second Wednesday	John B. Savidge, Shamokin.
265	Westfield	1883	Westfield	First Friday	James Masten, Westfield.
266	Good Samaritan	1886	Gettysburg	Third Thursday	Dan A. Skelly, Gettysburg.
267	Coatesville	1887	Coatesville	Thursday after full moon	George G. Myer, Coatesville.
268	Pittsburg	1888	Pittsburg	Second Monday	Archie K. Henderson, Pittsburg.
269	Ulysses	1888	Ulysses	Second Wednesday	Homer K. Lane, Ulysses.
270	Doylestown	1889	Doylestown	Tuesday on or before full moon	Frederick Constantine, Doylestown.
271	Pottstown	1890	Pottstown	Third Tuesday	Newton S. Kinzer, Pottstown.
272	Hebron	1890	Meyersdale	Second Monday	Martin A. Rutter, Meyersdale.
273	Butler	1891	Butler	Third Tuesday	William A. Stein, Butler,
274	Bangor	1891	Bangor	Fourth Wednesday	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor.
275	Kennett	1892	Kennett Square	Wednesday after full moon	P. H. Bratton, Kennett Square.
276	The Susquehanna	1892	Susquehanna	Second Friday	G. W. Gleason, Susquehanna.
277	Hazleton	1893	Hazleton	Third Monday	Hiram P. Kuntz, Hazleton.
278	Catasauqua	1894	Catasauqua	Second Monday	Edmund Randall, Catasauqua.
279	Kane	1895	Kane	Third Wednesday	Albert W. Risdon, Kane.
280	Cyrus	1898	Carnegie	Third Thursday	George A. Carsten, Pittsburg.
281	Monroe	1898	Stroudsburg	Second Friday	Morris Evans, Stroudsburg.
282	McKeesport	1899	McKeesport	Fourth Thursday	Edwin Soles, McKeesport.
283	Connellsville	1900	Connellsville	Second Thursday	Albert N. DeMuth, Connellsville.

MARK LODGES.

91	Columbia	1825	Philadelphia	Second Monday	William P. Buzby, Philadelphia.
214	Girard	1847	Philadelphia	Second Tuesday	Thomas S. Woodbury, Philadelphia.
216	Excelsior	1854	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	Samuel W. Wray, Philadelphia.

GRAND CHAPTERS IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

GRAND CHAPTER.	GRAND SECRETARY.
Alabama	Lew Lazarus, Montgomery.
Arizona	George K. Roskruge, Tucson.
Arkansas	John C. Bone, Batesville.
California	William A. Davies, San Francisco.
Canada	George J. Bennett, Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	William D. Todd, Denver.
Connecticut	James McCormick, Hartford.
Delaware	James H. Price, Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnson, Washington.
England	Edward Letchworth. Freemasons' Hall, London.
England, Grand Mark Lodge	C. F. Matier, Mark Masons' Hall, London.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville.
General Grand Chapter	Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, N. Y.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin, Macon.
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard, Masonic Temple, Chicago.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Joseph H. Murrow, Atoka.
Iowa	Alf. Wingate, Des Moines.
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.
Kansas	William M. Shaver, Topeka.
Kentucky	Henry B. Grant, Louisville.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert, New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry, Portland.
Maryland	John H. Miller, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	J. Gilman Waite, Boston.
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater.
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic Speed, Vicksburg.
Missouri	William H. Mayo, St. Louis.
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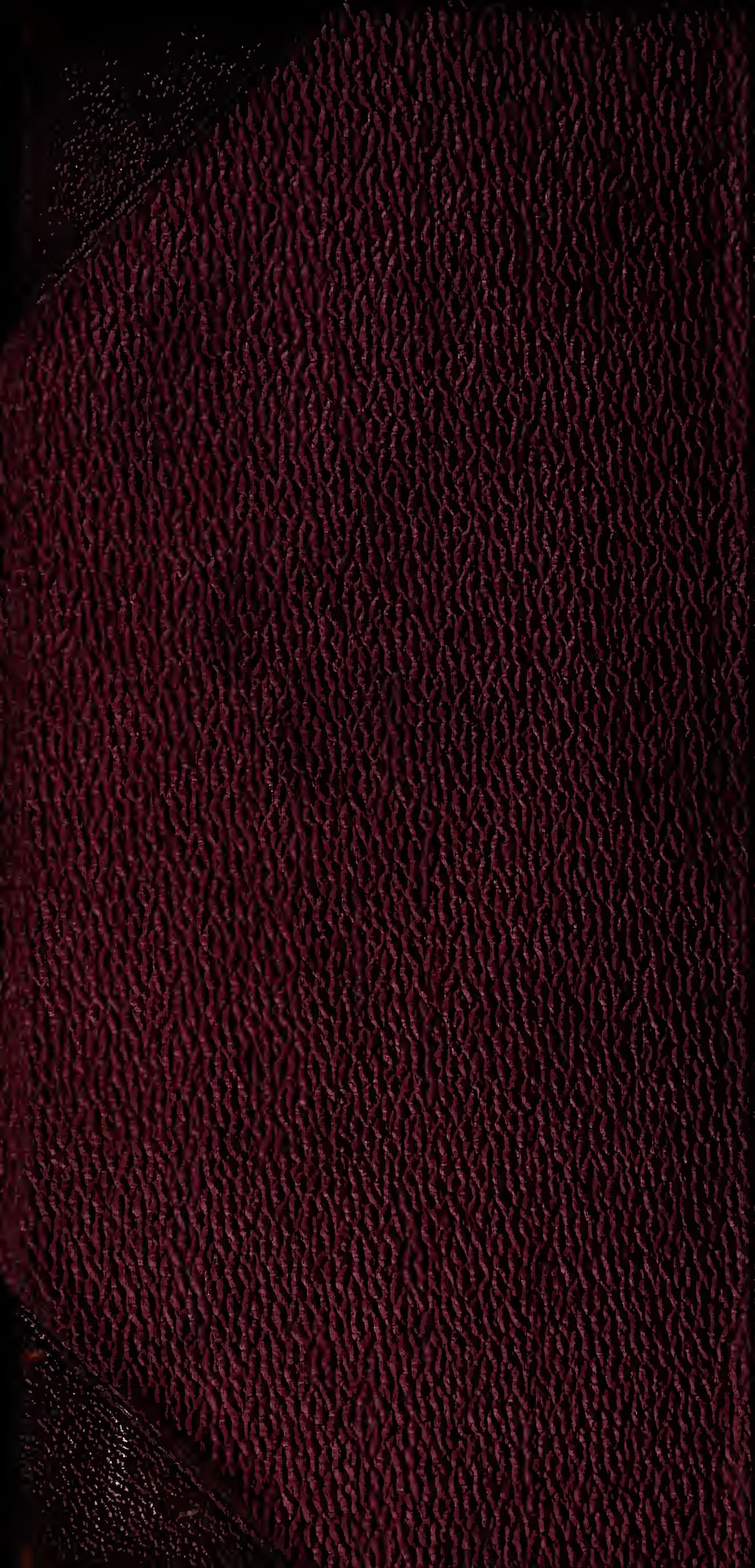
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